



**OFFICE OF THE  
ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION  
JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781 037**

Case No. : KP(M).355/2017  
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Hari Das  
Respondent : Directorate of Higher Education, Assam  
Date of hearing : 19.09.2017  
Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd)  
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

19.09.17

The petitioner Shri Hari Das is absent, but he has authorized Shri Ritul Kalita to represent him before this Commission today. Dr. Mahendra Bora, Principal of Sankardeva Mahavidyalaya, Lakhimpur is present personally. The second appeal petition dated 24.5.17 is taken up for further hearing in pursuance of this Commission's earlier orders dated 3.7.17 and 17.8.17.

The petitioner produced a copy of his letter dated 7.9.17 addressed to the Principal of Sankardeva Mahavidyalaya making cash payment to obtain the sought for information and the Principal also acknowledged receipt of the letter. The Principal stated that after receipt of the required amount on 7.9.17 he has already sent the sought for information by India Post on 16.9.17. He furnished a copy of his forwarding letter dated 16.9.17 with enclosures, wherein it was mentioned that :- (a) UGC grant dated 9.7.12 for equipments and electrification, (b) Assam Government's grant dated 6.2.2006 relating to departmental building, and (c) Assam Government's grant dated 27.12.2006 relating to class room building - could not be found. The Principal submitted orally today that he will make further efforts to locate them, and if found, the same will be furnished to the petitioner within 30 days from today.

The authorized representative of the petitioner stated that he has not yet received the informations furnished by the Principal, as said to have been sent by post. So he could not say anything about his satisfaction or otherwise about the informations. He submitted that if necessary he will revert after receipt and perusal of the informations.

As regards the show cause notice, the Principal of the Sankardeva Mahavidyalaya, Dr. Mahendra Bora, submitted his written statement vide letter dated 3.8.17 wherein it was stated that the RTI applicant was asked to deposit an amount

of Rs. 1000.00 towards the cost of furnishing the information vide his letter dated 29.4.17. The applicant stated that he did not receive that letter. It is also mentioned in the WS dated 3.8.17 that the sought for informations were kept ready for furnishing. The Principal also mentioned that the informations sought for are quite old and voluminous and therefore, it took some time to locate and furnish the same. He also mentioned that some delay is also attributable to his persisting ill health. Since the informations have already been furnished and in view of the position stated, he prayed for condonation of the delay. His prayer is accepted and the Commission decides not to impose any penalty on him with the direction that in future RTI matter should be addressed within the time limit prescribed in the RTI Act, 2005.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

Chief Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Registrar

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Dtd. 19.09.2017

Copy to:

1. The Principal, Sankardeva Mahavidyalaya, Pathalipahar, Lakhimpur, Assam, PIN- 784163 for information and necessary action.
2. Shri Hari Das, R/O- Moon Sun Complelx, Nepali Mandir, Paltanbazar, Md. Shah Road, Guwahati 781 008 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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