

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

Case No. : NGN.87/2017

Complainant : Shri Durgeswar Das

Respondent : Block Development Officer, Batadrava Dev. Block,

Dist. Nagaon

Date of hearing : 21.9.2017

Complaint/ Second : Smti. N.A. Hazarika, IAS (Retd)

Appeal heard by State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

21.9.2017

The petitioner Shri Durgeswar Das is present. The BDO, Batadrava Development Block vide letter dated 21.9.17 informed the Commission that the RTI petition dated 28.4.17 was received on 6.5.17. He stated that the information sought for by the petitioner was not directly related to the office of the BDO, Batadrava Dev. Block, as such the petition was forwarded to all concerned GP Secretaries. The GP Secretaries issued letters to the petitioner for depositing the amount of photocopying charges. He also stated that the applicant instead of collecting information by depositing the requisite fee submitted a first appeal on 8.6.17, which was received by his office on 17.6.17, stating that he had been deprived from getting the information. The then BDO verified and found that all the GP Secretaries issued letters for depositing photocopying charges. He had informed the petitioner of the same vide letter dated 12.7.17 and asked him to deposit the requisite amount for documentation charges as intimated by the GP Secretaries and dispose of the matter. He also stated that the allegation to the Commission that the BDO violated the RTI Act was not correct as the then BDO had replied to the petitioner.

In view of the facts stated above, the Commission directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant records in the GP offices within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order with prior intimation to the GP Secretaries. The BDO, Batadrava/GP Secretaries are also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the

relevant documents as above and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the documents after depositing the cost thereof as estimated by the GP Secretaries.

With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 28.7.17 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(N.A. Hazarika) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

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Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ NGN.87/2017/

Dtd. 21.9.2016

Copy to:

- The Block Development Officer, Batadrava Development Block, Dhing, Dist. Nagaon, Assam, PIN-782123 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The Secretary, Amlokhi GP/Batadraba Satra GP/Bhumuraguri GP/Bilotia GP/Dhaniabheti GP/ Dhupaguri GP/ Kadamoni GP/ Kandhulimari GP/ Katahguri GP/ Rampur Satra GP/ Saharia GP/ Sologuri GP/ Silpukhuri GP/Tuktuki GP/ Upper Domdumia GP under Batadrava Development Block, Nagaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. Shri Durgeswar Das, R/O- Christian Patty, PO- Nagaon, Assam, PIN- 782001 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.

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