

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

Case No.	: SIC/DRN.41/2017
Appellant	: Md. Amanul Hoque
Respondent	: The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, Mangaldai
Date of hearing	: 19.08.2017
Second Appeal heard by	: Shri Pinuel Basumatary, State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 19.08.2017

Smt. Antara Gogoi, Election Officer/SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang is present. She has submitted a Written Statement dated 18.08.2017 and a Written Statement dated 18.08.2017 from the First Appellate Authority/DC, Darrang.

The Appellant was not informed by the Commission inadvertently. However, as the SPIO is present along with Written Statements, the Commission decided to conduct the hearing proceedings *ex parte* of the Appellant.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Appellant filed his Second Appeal dated 25.05.2017 on the ground that he had not received the information he had sought through his Application dated 16.03.2017 and response to his First Appeal dated 26.04.2017. Through his Application he had sought certain information related to land of various categories in the district.

Heard the SPIO and perused the Written Statements. It has been submitted that on receipt of the Application on 23.03.2017 assistance was sought from the concerned branch of the office U/S 5 (4) of the RTI Act, 2005 through a letter dated 24.03.2017. On receipt of the information, the same was communicated to the Appellant through a letter dated 19.04.2017. The said letter had enclosed the information received from all the four Revenue Circle Offices of the district. While furnishing the information the Appellant was requested to inspect records in the Circle Offices of the district. The Appellant made his First Appeal on 26.04.2017 wherein he had not mentioned receipt of any information or communication from the SPIO. The SPIO submitted that the said letters containing the information had been sent by Ordinary Post. The date for hearing the First Appeal had to be deferred twice as the Appellant did not attend the first two hearings. The Appellant attended the hearing on 29.06.2017. The FAA/DC, Darrang disposed of the First Appeal with a speaking order indicating that the information and the records being voluminous, it was necessary for the Appellant to inspect the same in the respective Circle Offices. The order was passed on 17.07.2017. The SPIO submitted that the Circle Offices to inspect the records.

Perusal of the Second Appeal indicates that in his Second Appeal, the Appellant has not acknowledged receipt of any information from the SPIO. It could not therefore be ascertained as to whether the Appellant had indeed received the information furnished to him as mentioned above.

Considering the fact that there is no evidence of the Appellant having received the information furnished to him and the request made to him for inspecting records, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO shall provide the information and a copy of the FAA's order to the Appellant once again within 10 days of receiving the copy of this order and

directs the concerned Circle Officers to allow inspection of records by the Appellant during office hours. The Appellant shall respond by visiting the concerned offices on the appointed dates and inspect the relevant records.

With this above order, the Second Appeal case is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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