



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).191/2017  
Appellant : Shri Dulal Bora  
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Transport Department (IWT), Govt. of Assam  
  
Date of hearing : 28.08.2017  
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
28.08.2017

Smt. Ruby Sharma, Joint Secretary/SPIO, Transport Department, Government of Assam is present. She has submitted a Written Statement dated 02.08.2017.

The Appellant is absent without information. The Commission decided to conduct the hearing proceedings *ex parte* of the Appellant considering that the SPIO is present along with a Written Statement and that today's hearing was decided on the Appellant's request.

Heard the SPIO and perused the Written Statement. It was submitted that information was sought on expenditure on account of the advertisements published during the period since the joining of a particular Project Director, World Bank Managing Project, and that the Appellant had been informed through a letter dated 01.08.2017 that there was no such post as Project Director, World Bank Managing Project and therefore no information as sought for could be provided. A copy of the said letter dated 01.08.2017 has been enclosed with the Written Statement.

A perusal of the Application for information dated 15.11.2016 indicates that the submission made by the SPIO is borne out by it (the Application). The information sought for was on the expenditure on advertisement incurred since the time of joining by the specified official (namely, Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri) as so called "Project Director, (World Bank Managing Project)" in the IWT Department until 15.11.2016.

Considering the submission of the SPIO that there was neither a post nor a project as cited by the Appellant and therefore no information could be provided, the Commission determines that the SPIO's response is reasonable and in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005.

However, the Commission holds that response ought to have been given within the stipulated time of 30 days from the date of receipt of the Application, and therefore the SPIO is advised to furnish information to information seekers within the stipulated time in the future.

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

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

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