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**Case No. : KP(M)826/2017**  
**Complainant/ Appellant : Smti Barnali Roy Choudhury**  
**Respondent : Higher Education (Technical) Department.**  
**Date of Hearing : 1-11-2017**  
**Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)**  
**appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

**O R D E R**  
**1-11-2017**

1. The appellant/petitioner Srimati Barnali Roy Choudhury is absent without any information. The public authority is represented by Dr. Mamoni Baruah, Addl. Secretary and SPIO, Higher Education (Technical) Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 accompanied by Smti Kalpana Borgohain, Sr. Administrative Assistant of the same department.
2. The second appeal petition dated 28-8-2017 is taken up for consideration ex-parte in the absence of the complainant.
3. The complaint, in brief, is that Dr. Mamoni Baruah , Addl. Secretary, Higher Education (Technical) Department, Govt. of Assam has denied receipt of the petitioner's RTI petition dated 3-3-2017 although according to the complainant her RTI petition was received by the Department on 3-3-2017. It is seen from the case records that not getting any response to her RTI petition dated 3-3-2017 the petitioner filed a first appeal petition dated 10-6-2017, after receipt of which the Additional Secretary Dr. Baruah requested the petitioner vide letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 to furnish a copy of the RTI petition dated 3-3-2017 as the same did not appear to have been received in the Department. Addl. Secretary Dr. Baruah produced the Department's receipt register before this Commission to establish that there is no record of receipt of the RTI petition dated 3-3-2017 in the department.

4. The Additional Secretary and SPIO, Higher Education (Technical) Department submitted a written statement dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 which has been entered into the case records. It has been mentioned in the W/S that in response to Additional Secretary's letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, Srimati Barnali Roy Choudhury furnished a copy of her RTI petition dated 3-3-2017 along with a copy of her complaint petition dated 28-8-2017. It has also been mentioned in the W/S that her prayer for incentives which she may be entitled to by virtue of having M.E Degree at the time of joining as a Lecturer is already under process. The Addl. Secretary informed Srimati Barnali Roy Choudhury, the complainant accordingly vide letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
5. It appears that the simple prayer for additional financial benefit by virtue of having M.E Degree at the time of joining as a Lecturer is under process for more than a year. By her RTI petition dated 3-3-2017, the petitioner only wanted to know the status of her prayer dated 7-6-2016 seeking additional financial benefit.
6. This Commission, therefore, directs the Addl. Secretary and SPIO, Higher Education (Technical) Govt. of Assam to inform the petitioner about the Govt. decision on her prayer within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.
7. With the above order the matter is disposed of.

**(H. S. Das)**  
**State Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Assam**

**Authenticated true copy**

**Registrar**  
**Assam Information Commission**

**Memo No SIC/ KP(M). KP(M)826/2017/**

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**Dated 1-11-2017**

Copy to:-

- 1) Dr. Dr. Mamoni Baruah, Addl. Secretary and SPIO, Higher Education (Technical) Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
- 2) Srimati Barnali Roy Choudhury ,, 306-F, Maya Apartment, New Guwahati Tiniali, Guwahati-781020 for information.

- 3) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4) Office file.
- 5) Order Book.

**Registrar**  
**Assam Information Commission.**