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Case No. : DBR.6 /2015
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Amrit Bora
Respondent : Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council
Date of Hearing : 30-10-2017
Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)
appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R
30-10-2017**

1. The APIO of Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council Sri Paim Thee Gohain is present in pursuance to this Commission's order dated 18-9-2017, requiring his personal appearance and submission of written statement with regard to any penal action for the delay in furnishing the sought for information to the petitioner Sri Amrit Bora.
2. The APIO has submitted a written statement dated 27-10-2017 detailing the reasons for delay in furnishing the sought for informations, which in brief are :-
 - (a) *The scope and volume of informations sought for by the petitioner Sri Amrit Bora was vast,*
 - (b) *The RTI petition had to be sent to all the 35 departments administered by Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council,*
 - (c) *There was delay in submission of the required informations by all the concerned departments of the Council,*
 - (d) *The administration of Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council is suffering from acute man power shortage. Except for two deputationists there is no other regular and permanent employee appointed by the State Govt. for the Council. All the works of the Council are being done with the help of adhoc employees,*
 - (e) *No RTI training programme has ever been conducted for the employees of the Autonomous Council, who are all adhoc employees. There is no employee in the Council who is experienced in dealing with RTI matters.*

The APIO submitted that in view of the above administrative difficulties and constraints, he could not furnish the sought for informations within the prescribed time for which he tendered apology.

This Commission accepts his apology in view of the grounds adduced with a **direction to endorse a copy of this order to the Additional Chief Secretary of WPT&BC Department and the Commissioner & Secretary AR&T**

Department, Govt. of Assam for their information and necessary action in respect of difficulties No. (d) and (e) respectively.

4. With the above order the complaint petition dated 20-10-2014 is finally disposed of and the matter is closed.

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

Authenticated true copy

**Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission**

Memo No SIC/ DBR. 6/2015/

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Dated 30-10-2017

Copy to:-

- 1) Sri Paim Thee Gohain APIO of Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council ,P.O-C.R. Building, Milan Nagar, Dist- Dibrugarh, Assam, for information.
- 2) Sri Amrit Bora, Vill- Hatibandha P.O- Hatibandha, Dist- Dibrugarh- 786103 for information
- 3) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4) Office file.
- 5) Order Book.

**Registrar
Assam Information Commission.**