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**Case No. : KP(M).659/2016**  
**Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Joydeb Das**  
**Respondent : Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd., Khanapara**  
**Date of Hearing : 24-10-2017**  
**Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)**  
**appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

**O R D E R**  
**24-10-2017**

1. The appellant/petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority is represented by (1) Sri Manas Nath, SPIO and Joint Secretary, Agriculture Department (2) Sri Pradip Burhagohain, SPIO & G.M (F&P) of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd., and (3) Sri Nityananda Boro, SPIO and Under Secretary, SA Department.
2. The compliance of this Commission's order dated 6-9-2017 is taken up for hearing in presence of the petitioner and the officials present.
3. The SPIO of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. furnished a copy of his letter dated 21-9-2017 addressed to the Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam, transferring the RTI petition dated 12-10-2015 with a copy to the petitioner Sri Joydeb Das. Sri Joydeb Das received his copy before this Commission today. This takes care of paragraph 3 and 4 of this Commission's order dated 6-9-2017 so far as the SPIO of ASCL is concerned. Now the onus of furnishing information to the petitioner lies with the SPIO of the Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam. The petitioner submitted that he has not received any information from the SPIO of the Director of Agriculture so far.
4. This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO of Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam to allow the petitioner to inspect the original relevant records and documents held by the Directorate with reference to his RTI petition dated 12-10-2015, during office hours within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, and also to allow him to take photocopies of such documents free of cost up to 20 pages and on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy.
5. Coming to para No. 5 of the order dated 6-9-2017 the SPIO of ASCL submitted that after further search they could retrieve most of the informations sought for by the petitioner except a few which are not available. The SPIO of ASCL was directed to furnish the informations which could be retrieved and are now available to the petitioner within three working days from the date of this order which was pronounced in his presence with a forwarding letter mentioning the reasons for

non-availability of the remaining informations or any additional time that may be required for furnishing some of the remaining informations like seed certification certificates which have to be obtained from the District offices.

6. Coming to paragraph 8 of this Commissions' previous order dated 6-9-2017, M.D, ASCL submitted that action taken on the order shall be intimated to this Commission within a fortnight.
7. Lastly, coming to paragraph -9 of the order dated. 6-9-2017 the Under Secretary and SPIO of SAD, Govt. of Assam Sri N. Boro submitted orally that necessary Rules under The Assam Public Records Act, 2002 are under preparation in consultation with concerned departments like Personnel, AR&T, Finance etc. He also submitted that the rules will include classification of records and the duration for which those records will be required to be held by the concerned Record officers/ public authorities. He further submitted that the State Govt. expects to finalize the Rules within a period of 6 (six) months i.e., by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.
8. With the above order the second appeal petition dated 7-9-2016 is disposed of.

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

**Authenticated true copy**  
**Sd/-**  
**Registrar**  
**Assam Information Commission**

**Memo No SIC/ DBR.15/2017/**

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**Dated 24-10-2017**

Copy to:-

- 1) Sri Manas Nath, SPIO and Joint Secretary, Agriculture Department information and necessary action.
- 2) Sri Pradip Burhagohain, SPIO & G.M (F&P) of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd., Khanapara, Guwahati-22 ,for information.
- 3) Sri Nityananda Boro, SPIO and Under Secretary, SA Department. Govt. of Assam, Dispur. Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
- 4) Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Late Karunamoy Das, H. No.-16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Guwahati-25 for information.
- 5) Computer Section for uploading in the Website
- 6) Office file.
- 7) Order Book.

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