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Case No. : **KP(M).885/2017**
Complainant/ Appellant : **Sri Dulal Bora**
Respondent : **Political Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur.**
Date of Hearing : **8-11-2017**
Complaint/ Second : **Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)**
appeal heard by : **State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

O R D E R
8-11-2017

1. The appellant/petitioner Sri Dulal Bora is absent. He informed this Commission telephonically that due to some unavoidable circumstances he is unable to attend today's hearing. He requested the Registry to inform this Commission that if the Commission pleases a fresh date may be fixed for hearing his second appeal petition dated 24-7-2017 or if the Commission desires then it may be disposed of ex-parte in his absence, on merit.
2. The public authority is represented by Sri Bishnu Kamal Borah, Joint Secretary and SPIO, (Home and Political) Department accompanied by Sri Biju Prasad Boruah, Superintendent, Political (Vigilance Cell) Department. The SPIO has submitted a written statement dated 6th November, 2017 stating that the informations sought for by the petitioner Sri Dulal Bora vide his RTI petition dated 9-8-2016 was furnished to him vide letter dated 8th December, 2016.
3. From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner Sri Dulal Bora filed an RTI petition dated 9-8-2016 before the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam seeking informations about various aspects of any investigation/ inquiry ordered in response to his prayer dated 27-6-2016 which was also addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam. By his prayer dated 27-6-2016 the petitioner alleged that request made by the Vigilance and Anti Corruption agencies seeking approval of the State Government for taking up regular inquiries on the basis of the findings of preliminary enquiries remain pending with Home & Political Department for months and years. In the same prayer he also alleged that quite often the Vigilance and Anti Corruption Agencies get no cooperation and response from the other departments of the State Govt. when they seek informations from them in course of the Vigilance inquiries against suspected by delinquent officials. The petitioner alleged that as a result of these lapses the corrupt officials get away scot free.

By his petition dated 27-6-2016 the petitioner requested the Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam to take necessary actions to address the above mentioned allegations made by him. The SPIO of Political Department along with his written statement dated 6th November, 2017 enclosed a copy of Political Department's

letter dated 5th November, 2016 addressed to Sri Dulal Bora, the petitioner, informing him that **his application dated 27-6-2016 was under process.**

4. **This Commission is of the view that the reply furnished to the petitioner is vague. The petitioner appears to have flagged an important matter of public interest relating to Vigilance Administration in the State.**
5. **Containment of corruption in the functioning of public authorities is one of the declared objectives of the RTI Act, 2005, it is expected that a detailed and satisfactory response is furnished by the SPIO of Political (Vigilance Cell) Department to the petitioner in reply to his RTI petition dated 9-8-2016 within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.**
6. **Fix 26th December, 2017 1.30 P.M for review of action taken.**

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

Authenticated true copy

**Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission**

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Dated 8-11-2017

Copy to:-

- 1) Sri Bishnu Kamal Borah, Joint Secretary and SPIO, (Home and Political) Department for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2) Sri Dulal Bora, House No. 118, Koinadhara Tiniali, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information
- 3) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5) Office file.
- 6) Order Book.

**Registrar
Assam Information Commission.**