

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

Case No. : NGN.170/2017

Complainant : Shri Durgeswar Das

Respondent : SPIO, Block Development Officer, Lawkhowa

Development Block, Nagaon.

: 9.1.2018 Date of hearing

Complaint/ Second : Smti. N.A. Hazarika, IAS (Retd)

Appeal heard by State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 9.1.2018

The petitioner Shri Durgeswar Das is present. The public authority to be represented by the SPIO of Lawkhowa Development Block and the BDO, Lawkhowa as the first appellate authority is absent without any intimation.

In view of large number of cases pending before the Commission, the second appeal petition dated 24.8.17 is taken up for consideration on merit ex parte in the absence of the public authority.

On perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner, Shri Durgeswar Das vide his RTI petition dated 2.5.17 has sought for information on utilization of 14th Finance Commission grant to Lawkhowa Development Block for the period from 2014- 15 to 2016-17. It is seen that he has sought for details of bills and vouchers of each Gaon Panchayat. The petitioner, on enquiry stated that there are around 14 to 15 GPs. The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 2.5.17 involves huge volume of information relating to several years from 2014 to 2017. Furnishing of complete information by making photocopies will require substantial expenditure. The Commission therefore, directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant documents in the office of the BDO, Lawkhowa Development Block, Nagaon within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of documents during office hours. The petitioner will give at least two days' notice to the public authority for inspection of documents. The BDO, Lawkhowa Development Block is directed to show cause as to why penal action shall not be taken against him for not furnishing the information to the petitioner and not responding to the notices issued by this Commission. He is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the sought for documents free of cost up to 25 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for additional page of photocopy.

Fix 11.30 AM on 02.02.2018 for review of action taken.

Sd/-

(N.A. Hazarika) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ NGN. 170/2017/

Dated 9.1.2018

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Block Development Officer, Lawkhwa Development Block, PO- Singimari, Dist. Nagaon, Assam PIN-782125 for information and necessary action.
- The FAA/ Block Development Officer, Lawkhwa Development Block, PO- Singimari, Dist. Nagaon, Assam PIN-782125 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Shri Durgeswar Das, R/O Christian Patty, PO- Nagaon, Dist- Nagaon, Assam, PIN- 782 001 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.

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