

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

Case No. : NGN.135/2017
Complainant : Shri Durgeswar Das
Respondent : SPIO, Raha Development Block, Nagaon
Date of hearing : 27.10.2017
Complaint/ Second : Smti. N.A. Hazarika, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
27.10.2017

The petitioner Shri Durgeswar Das is present. The public authority is represented by the BDO, Raha Development Block & first Appellate authority, Shri B. Barbora.

The BDO Raha has submitted a written statement dated 27.10.17 that on receipt of the RTI petition dated 29.4.17 the petitioner was informed vide letter dated 29.5.17 to deposit Rs. 2.00 per page, as expenditure of photocopying and then would be furnished the documents within 7 days from the date of receipt of the fund but the petitioner did not communicate with him after receipt of the letter. On receipt of the first appeal petition on 16.6.17 the petitioner was informed vide letter dated 11.7.17 to appear for hearing on 18.7.17 at 12.00 noon but the petitioner was not present for the hearing.

The petitioner objected that he did not receive the notice for hearing of the first appeal petition. The BDO, Raha present stated that the notice was issued on 12.7.17 to attend the hearing on 18.7.17 and the same notice was issued in both the case nos. NGN.135/2017 and NGN.139/2017. As date of hearing was fixed on the same day only one notice was issued. It is observed that the notice issued did not mention the individual case number, as such the public authority is directed to issue separate notices mentioning the case number.

The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner involves a huge volume of information relating to several years from 2013 – 2014 to 2016-17. Furnishing of complete information by making of photocopies will require substantial cost in making photocopies.

The Commission therefore, directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant office records and documents in the office of the BDO, Raha Development Block within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of documents during office hours. The petitioner is also directed to give at least two days' advance notice to the BDO, Raha before his date of inspection of records.

The BDO, Raha Development Block is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant documents and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the sought for information free of cost up to 50 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above direction the second appeal petition dated 28.7.17 is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

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Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ NGN 135/2017/

Dtd. 27.10.2016

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1. The Block Development Officer & First Appellate Authority, Raha Development Block, PO- Raha Dist. Nagaon, Assam, PIN-782103 for information and necessary action.
 2. The SPIO of the office of the Block Development Officer, Raha Development Block , PO- Raha, Dist. Nagaon, Assam, PIN- 782103 for information and necessary action.
 3. Shri Durgeswar Das, R/O Christian Patty, PO- Nagaon, Disit- 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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