

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

Case No. : NGN.79/2017
Complainant : Md. Abdul Jalil Akonda
Respondent : CDPO, Nagaon Urban ICDS Project, Nagaon
Date of hearing : 30.10.2017
Complaint/ Second : Smti. N.A. Hazarika, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam

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30.10.2017

The petitioner Shri Abdul Jalil Akonda is present. The public authority is represented by Shri Lakhi Prasad Bora, CDPO, Nagaon Urban ICDS Project.

The petitioner informed the Commission that he had sought for information from the PIO of the office of the CDPO, Nagaon Urban ICDS Project. Due to non-receipt of information he filed his first appeal before the programme officer, Divisional ICDS Cell, Nagaon. The Programme Officer vide letter dated 19.10.15 directed the CDPO to furnish the information to the petitioner free of cost within three days on the ground that the demand to deposit Rs. 1,16,616.00 as photocopies charges was not correct since he could not furnish the information within stipulated time. The petitioner stated that he was not furnished any information.

The CDPO present stated that he had not received the letter dated 19.10.15 and was not aware of the same. He however, informed the Commission that centre-wise survey registers were maintained by the Anngawadi centres and there were 172 Angawadi Centres. He also stated that the petitioner had sought for information for four years with effect from 2012 to 2015 and as such amount involved for making photocopies of 172 centres would be huge. He also stated that the office did not have any administrative fund for giving photocopies to the petitioner free of cost. As such the PIO of the CDPO had directed the petitioner to deposit an amount of Rs. 1,16,616.00. The petitioner stated that he did not submit any written complaint before the Programme Officer, Divisional ICDS Cell and first appellate authority regarding non-receipt of reply from the CDPO, ICDS Project, Nagaon but had verbally informed him. The first appellate authority is absent without any intimation.

The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 10.7.15 involves huge volume of information relating to several categories of information for several years. Furnishing of complete information by making photocopies will require compilation of information and substantial cost in making photocopies. This will definitely lead to a huge burden on the manpower and resources of the concerned public authority.

The Commission therefore, directs the petitioner to inspect relevant office records and documents in the office of the CDPO, Urban ICDS Project, 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 CDPO, Urban ICDS Project, Nagaon is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents as above and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the sought for documents free of cost up to 20 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 4.2.16 is disposed of.

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

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Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 30.10.2016

Copy to:

1. The Programme Officer, Divisional ICDS Cell, Nagaon and 1st Appellate Authority, PO-Nagaon, Dist. Nagaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. The SPIO & CDPO, Nagaon Urban ICDS Project, Nagaon, Dist. Nagaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
3. Md. Abdul Jalil Akonda, No. 2 Mollapatty, Masjid Path, 20 No. Ward, PO-Hoiborgaon, Dist. Nagaon, Assam, PIN- 782 002 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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