

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

Case No. : KP(M).795/2017 Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Joydeb Das

Respondent : Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd, Guwahati-22

Date of hearing : 9.10.2017

Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd)

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## <u>ORDER</u>

9.10.17

The appellant Shri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority i.e. Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. (ASCL) is represented by the General Manager and SPIO, Shri Pradip Buragohain. The second appeal petition dated 21.8.17 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

From perusal of the records it is seen that the second appeal petition refers to four separate RTI petitions, all dated 12.5.17. One of the four RTI petitions relates to educational qualification of Smti. Priyanka Hazarika, Administrative officer of ASCL. The petitioner wants copies of her qualificational certificates and other documents submitted by Smti. Priyanka Hazarikan at the time of appointment as Administrative officer. He also wants to know whether her qualification certificates have been verified with the educational institutions from which she obtained her certificates.

This Commission is of the view that educational qualification certificates and other documents containing personal informations of the candidates belong to the category of third party informations. The SPIO of ASCL is, therefore, directed to inform the petitioner whether as per certificates and other documents furnished by Smti. Priyanka Hazarika, she fulfills the requirements of the eligibility criteria for being appointed as Administrative Officer of ASCL. The SPIO is directed to give a copy of eligibility criteria in terms of the educational qualification, age, experience, etc. for appointment to the post of Administrative Officer and inform the petitioner in writing whether Smti. Priyanka Hazarika possesses these qualifications.

As regards furnishing of copies of qualification certificates, the SPIO is directed to proceed u/s 11 f the RTI Act, 2005, which relates to third party informations.

As regards petitioner's request for information as to whether these educational qualification certificates of Smti. Priyanka Hazarika was verified with the educational institutions which issued those certificates, the SPIO is directed to

inform the petitioner "yes" or "no". Both the above sets of informations be communicated to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order

The other three RTI applications relate to procurement of :-

- (a) Hybrid vegetable seeds during the year 2016-17,
- (b) Hybrid water melon seeds during the year 2016-17, and
- (c) Certified seeds of black gram variety PU-31 for the year 2016-17.

The SPIO submitted that due to preoccupations with current year's procurement owing to recent floods, he has not been able to process and furnish the information so far. The SPIO submitted orally that he will have to seek the assistance of concerned officers dealing with the respective matters. He is directed to seek the assistance u/s 5(4) and 5(5) of the RTI Act, 2005 so as to furnish the sought for informations, as admissible, to the petitioner within 20 days from the date of this order, which was pronounced in presence of both the parties.

Fix 12.30 PM on 14.11.2017 for review of action taken.

Issue notices to the SPIO as well as to the deemed PIOs through SPIO for their attendance during the next hearing.

Sd/(H. S. Das)
Chief Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/

Registrar

Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 9.10.2017

## Copy to:

- 1. The General Manager (Production & Marketing) and SPIO of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd., Khanapara, Guwahati-22. He is requested to serve the notices to the deemed PIOs for their personal appearance on the next hearing.
- 2. The deemed PIOs of the office of the Managing Director, Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd., Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Shri Joydeb Das, House No. 16, Kushal Konwar road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari, Fatashil, Guwahati25 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.

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