

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

Case No. : NGN.189/2017
Complainant : Shri Durgeswar Das
Respondent : DCPO, ICDS Project, Raha, Nagaon
Date of hearing : 13.12.2017
Complaint/ Second : Smti. N.A. Hazarika, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam

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13.12.2017

The petitioner Shri Durgeswar Das is Present. The CDPO, Raha has authorized Shri Golam Mostafa Ahmed, Sr. Assistant cum SPIO of the office of the CDPO to attend the hearing. He has submitted a letter dated 1.12.17 addressed to the petitioner Shri Durgeswar Das with reference to the RTI petition dated 13.10.17.

The petitioner present stated that he had received a letter dated 1.6.17 with reference to his RTI petition dated 2.5.17 and he was directed to deposit an amount of Rs. 70 being the photocopying charges. The petitioner further stated that he visited the CDPO, Raha's office 6 to 7 times for depositing the amount. But since the CDPO, Raha was not present in the office, the amount was not accepted by the office.

The public authority present stated that he had joined this post in July, 2017, but he never met Shri Durgeswar Das in his office. He also stated that he had requested the petitioner telephonically to visit their office for collection of documents. He also mentioned that the documents to be furnished to the petitioner would involve a huge expenditure and payment of 70 will not be enough for furnishing the information sought for by the petitioner. The public authority present orally submitted that there are 448 Angawadi Centres under their jurisdiction and 16 numbers of Supervisors are functioning in the Anganwadi Centres. He also stated that in one Anganwadi Centre there is one Anganwadi worker and one Anganwadi Helper. They are votuntary workers who get remuneration @ Rs. 4000 and Rs. 2000.00 per month respectively. There are no regular sanctioned posts. There is one Management committee in each anganwadi Centre headed by a President. The Anganwadi Centre Worker functions as the Secretary. They do not have financial powers. The Worker of the Anganwadi Centre is the Member Secretary and funds are released by the District Social Welfare office to the Anganwadi Centres after it is sanctioned by the Deputy Commission. As such the letter issued to the petitioner dated 1.6.17 appears to be anomalous.

The Commission observes that the public authority issued the letter dated 1.6.17 without applying their mind and treated the RTI petition dated 13.10.17 casually. They are cautioned to be careful in future.

The CDPO, Raha is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the records available in his office during office hours on any working day within one month from the

date of receipt of this order. The petitioner is also directed to give at least two days' advance notice before his date of inspection of records. The petitioner will be allowed to take notes and photocopies of relevant records free of cost upto 25 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 against each additional page of photocopy.

With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 24.8.17 is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ NGN.189/2017/

Dtd. 13.12.2016

- Copy to:
1. The SPIO of the office of the CDPO, Raha ICDS Project, PO- Raha, Dist. Nagaon, PIN- 782103 for information And necessary action.
 2. The FAA/ CDPO, Raha ICDS Project, 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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