



ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Case No. Complainant/ Appellant Respondent Date of Hearing Complaint/ Second appeal heard by

7.

: KP(M).1200/2017
:Dr. Nazrul Kazi
: ASCL, Abhayapuri, Dist-Bongaigaon

: 07.02.2018

: Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)

State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

<u>ORDER</u> 07.02.2018

1. The petitioner Dr. Nazrul Kazi as well as the public authority is represented by Sri Monoranjan Goswami, I/C Branch Manager of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd (ASCL). Goalpara – both are present.

2. The second appeal petition dated 17-11-2017 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

3. The I/C Branch Manager, ASCL , Goalpara branch has submitted a written statement dated 30-1-2018 stating that he has not been able to furnish the informations with reference to the petitioners' RTI petition dated 7-7-2017 on the grounds that :-

(a) His is a one man office and

(b) He is pre-occupied with implementation of several other programmes.

4. While his difficulties are appreciated, this Commission does not accept the grounds adduced by him for non-furnishing of the sought for informations as per the provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

5.. From perusal of the case records and the RTI petition dated 7-7-2017 it is seen that furnishing a copy of Group Seed Village Scheme (paddy and pulses) to the petitioner will meet the requirements of point No. 3 of the RTI petition.

6. As regards point No. 4, it is seen that the petitioner has asked several questions. Such questioning is not maintainable under the RTI Act. The petitioner,, therefore, be furnished with informations regarding holding of the 3 (three) training programmes with the dates of training and place of training., list of participating farmers in each training programme and information regarding funds received from Govt.

Point Nos.1, 2, 5 and 6 of the RTI petition are admissible.

8. In view of the above, the I/C Branch Manager of Goalpara branch of ASCL: is directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records during office hours on any working day within 30 days from the date of this order, which was pronounced in presence of both the parties. 9. The I/C Branch Manager, ASCL (Goalpara) is also directed to allow the petitioner to take notes and photocopies of the required documents free of cost up to 100 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy.

10. The I/C Branch Manager , Goalpara, submitted that he is under orders of transfer to Sivasagar and therefore he may be given the option to choose a date for inspection of records by the petitioner. The Branch Manager is given the option with the direction that he will give at least 7 (seven) days' notice to the petitioner about the date and time for inspection of records within 30 days from today as already ordered..

11. The petitioner will be at liberty to revert to this Commission after inspection of records, if he is not satisfied with the informations furnished to him, along with a written submission explaining the grounds for his dissatisfaction.

12. Fix **22-3-2018**, **12.30 P.M** for review of compliance of this order. Both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing.

Sd/-(H. S. Das) State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

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- Sri Monoranjan Goswami, I/C Branch Manager of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd (ASCL). Abhayapuri, Dist- Bongaigaon, for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2) Dr. Nazrul Kazi, C/O Sri Safiullah Ali Ahmed, House No. 37. Mother Teresa Path , Hatigaon Guwahati-38, Assam . PIN-781 038 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 3) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5) Office file.
- 6) Order Book.

Registrar Assam Information Commission