



## OFFICE OF THE

## **ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Case No. KP(M)1287/2017
Complainant/ Appellant Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent GMDA, Bhangagarh

Date of Hearing 09.02.2018

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

appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## O R D E R 09.02.2018

- The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority is represented by
   (i) Sri Hitesh Sarma Medhi, SPIO of GMDA, (ii) Sri Pulak Kalita and (iii) Sri Phulen Saharia JAA of the same office.
- 2. The second appeal petition dated 14-11-2017 with reference to the petitioner's RTI petition dated 7-10-2017 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.
- 3. From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 7-10-2017 filed before the PIO of GMDA sought seven different informations about :- (a) West Guwahati Water Supply Project, (b) South –Central Guwahati Water Supply Project and (c) Central Guwahati Water Supply Project. He submitted orally that he is yet to receive any information from GMDA
- 4. The SPIO of GMDA has submitted a written statement dated 9-2-2018 stating the actions taken by them on the RTI petition. The SPIO further submitted orally that wile the West Guwahati Water Supply Project is being implemented by GMDA, it is the Guwahati Jal Board, i.e., Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Borard who is the implementing authority in respect of South Central Guwahati Water Supply Project and North Guwahati Water Supply Project. The SPIO also stated that in respect of these two projects the RTI petition has been transferred to the Guwahati Jal Board.
- 5. This Commission is of the view that the above three water supply projects for Guwahati city is of vital public interest and the informations sought for by the petitioner are likely to be of interest to other stake holders and members of the public.
- 6. This Commission notes that such informations are required to be disclosed proactively and suo motu by the concerned public authorities mandatorily under Section
  4(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005. The SPIOs of GMDA Bhangagarh, Guwahati -5 and SPIO
  of Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Board, (Jal Board) Saikia
  Commercial Complex, G.S. Road, Guwahati -5 are to disclose the informations
  sought for by the petitioner through their websites within 30 days from the date of
  receipt of this order,. so that they are available to all members of the public.

7. Put up for review of compliance of this order on 9-3-2018, 1.00 P.M.

. Issue notices to the petitioner as well as the SPIOs of GMDA and M.D, Guwahati Jal Board for their personal appearance with affidavits in confirmation of compliance,.

Sd/-

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

**Authenticated true copy** 

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Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No SIC/ KP(M),1287/2017.

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Dated 09.02.2018

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- 1) Sri Hitesh Sarma Medhi, SPIO of GMDA , Bhangagarh, Guwahati-5 for information and necessary action.
- 2) Managing.Director, Guwahati Jal Board, Saikia Commercial Complex, G.S. Road, Guwahati-5 for information and necessary action
- 3) Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Late Karunamoy Ďas, House No.-16 Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatasil, Guwahati-25 for information.
- 4) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5) Office file.
- 6) Order Book.

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