

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

Case No. : NGN.231/2017
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Mukesh Saikia
Respondent : SPIO of the office of gthe BDO, Mayang Development Block, Morigaon
Date of hearing : 8.2.2018
Complaint/ Second : Smti. N.A. Hazarika, IAS (Rtd)
Appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R

8.2.18

The petitioner Shri Mukesh Saikia is absent without any intimation. The public authority is represented by the BDO, Mayang Development Block Shri Bidyut Jyoti Bora assisted by Senior Assistant (Accounts), Shri Maneswar Deuri. The BDO has submitted a written statement that the petitioner was requested to collect the information from the office of the BDO vide letter dated 10.4.17, but the appellant did not collect the required information from him.

The Project Director and first appellate authority of DRDA, Marigaon district submitted a written statement that the RTI petition dated 31.3.17 was transferred to the BDO, Mayang Development Block, but since the petitioner did not get any information from the Mayang Development Block, he submitted an appeal to the PD, DRDA, Morigaon on 28.6.17. Date for hearing was fixed on 27.7.17, but the petitioner was absent. Another date was fixed for hearing on 25.8.17 where both the parties were present and the first appellate authority disposed the appeal directing the BDO to furnish the information to the petitioner within 11th September, 2017. He submitted that the appellant perhaps did not collect the required information from the Block office.

The BDO present stated that since the information sought for by the petitioner involves a huge volume of documents, he had requested the petitioner to visit the office and collect the same.

On perusal of the RTI petition it is seen that the petitioner has sought for documents for the financial year 2015-16 relating to schemes DDP, TFC, CMSP, etc implemented by the Mayang Anchalik Panchayat. He sought for details of estimates, bill vouchers, cash memoes, auditor's report, bank transactions, etc. The Commission observes that the documents sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 31.3.17 involves a huge volume of information. Furnishing of complete information by making photocopies will require substantial expenditure. **The Commission therefore, directs the petitioner to visit the office of the BDO, Mayang Development Block, inspect the relevant documents within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order during office hours. The BDO, Mayang Development Block is also directed to allow the petitioner to take notes and photocopies of the documents sought for, free of cost upto 20 copies and thereafter on receipt of payment of photocopy charges.**

With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 17.10.17 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. 231/2017/

Dtd. 8.2.2018

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the office of the Block Development Officer, mayang Dev. Block, Disit. Morigaon, Assam, PIN- 782410 for information and necessary action.
2. The FAA/ Project director, District Rural Dev. Agency, Morigaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
3. Shri Mukesh Saikia, Vill- Darangial, PO- Alikuchi, Dist Nagaon, Assam, PIN- 782 106 for information
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission