

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

Case No. : SIC/BPT.53/2017
Appellant : Md. Najrul Islam
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Treasury Officer, Barpeta Treasury office,
Barpeta, Assam
Date of hearing : 30.01.2018
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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The Appellant, Md. Najrul Islam is present.

The Respondent absent. He/she has not submitted any Written Statement and also has not explained as to why penalty U/S 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be imposed on him/her for his/her failure to furnish the information within the time stipulated.

The First Appellate Authority has not apprised the Commission about the steps he might have taken to dispose of the First Appeal in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he indeed received the said communication from the Treasury Officer. However, the same was incomplete and that he had received the information in respect of the first 2 points but the third point which related to the names of banks and the account numbers of the pensioners through which pension has been paid was not furnished to him. He further stated that the Respondent had stated that the said information related to third party and was therefore not furnished. He required the information in public interest and was still interested therein.

Perusal of the aforementioned letter through which information has been furnished indicates that the Public Authority did not state the reason for not furnishing the wanting information. The Commission is of the view that it was the responsibility of the SPIO to inform the Appellant the reason for not furnishing the information relating to bank account of the pensioners. The Commission therefore hereby directs the SPIO to review its decision relating to not furnishing the said information and take appropriate action on third party information as provided for by the RTI Act, 2005 U/S 8 (1) (d) and Section 11 (1) within the time stipulated therein.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of. However, the Appellant shall be at liberty to move this Commission, if he is aggrieved with the response of the SPIO.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Assam Information Commission

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1. The SPIO, O/o the Treasury Officer, Barpeta Treasury office, Dist- Barpeta, Assam, Pin- 781 325 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/Treasury Officer, Barpeta Treasury office, Dist- Barpeta, Assam, Pin- 781 325 for information.
3. The Appellant, Md. Najrul Islam, Journalist, C/o- Manager, Bulbul Memorial Hostel (Near Kayakuchi BSNL Exchange), Vill- Banbahar, PO- Kayakuchi, Dist- Barpeta, Assam, Pin- 781 352 for information.
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