

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

Case No. : SIC/DRN.84/2017  
Appellant : Shri Mati Ram Nath  
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Principal, Mangaldai Town Girls H.S. School,  
Darrang  
Date of hearing : 19.01.2018  
Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
19.01.2018

Smt. Amiya Dutta, Principal, Mangaldai Town Girls H.S. School, Darrang and Shri Pulak Sarma, U.D. Assistant are present. The Written Statements dated 16.01.2018 and 18.01.2018 have been received from the Inspector of Schools, Darrang District Circle, Mangaldai/First Appellate Authority and from the Principal, Mangaldai Town Girls H.S. School, Darrang.

The Appellant, Shri Mati Ram Nath is present.

Perused the Written Statements and heard the Respondents. It has been submitted that the Appellant has been informed in writing that the information sought for by him which related to evidence of passing of HSLC examination as a compartmental candidate by a particular person in 1988 could not be traced inspite of searches of records.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he was not satisfied with the response of the Respondents as he was in need of the information. He further submitted that he had sought information separately from the Board of Secondary Education Assam through another RTI Application and has received the information although Board's response was erroneous as regards the year of the examination.

In view of the above, the Commission observes that it was indeed the responsibility of the Respondents to preserve such records which are permanent in nature and inability to trace the information/records is indicative of lack of proper system of maintenance of important records in the institution. However, considering that the Respondent has given it in writing that he has sought the said information from the SEBA and that the Board is the appropriate authority relating to certificates of pass or failure by a HSLC candidate, the Commission disposes of the Second Appeal with the order that the Respondent shall furnish the information as and when the same is located. Further, the Appellant may at his discretion seek the factual information in this regard from the SEBA.

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Pinuel Basumatary  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Assam Information Commission

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2. The First Appellate Authority/Inspector of Schools, Darrang Dist. Circle, Mangaldai, Dist- Darrang, Assam, Pin- 784 125 for information.
3. The Appellant, Shri Mati Ram Nath, S/o- Late Dusta Ram Nath, Gharua Sonapur (Garoimara), PO- Dhekipara, Pin- 784 145, PS- Sipajhar, Dist- Darrang, Assam for information.
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