

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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).1012/2017 : Smt. Afrith Rahman Complainant

: The SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division, Respondent

Silchar, Cachar

: 08.01.2018 Date of hearing

Complaint heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary,

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER 08.01.2018

The Complainant has deputed her father, Md. Anisur Rahman to represent the hearing. He had submitted a copy of the letter dated 29.12.2017 which she had written to the SPIO.

A Written Statement dated 27.12.2017 has been received from the SPIO-cum-Assistant Conservator of Forests, Cachar Division, Silchar.

Heard the Complainant's deputee. He submitted that the Complainant was still interested in the information and therefore requested in writing to treat her Complaint as an Appeal.

Perused the Written Statement of the SPIO. It has been submitted that the information had been furnished through a letter dated 01.09.2016. A copy of the said letter has been enclosed.

Heard the Appellant's deputee. He submitted that the Appellant was not satisfied with the response of the SPIO to the specific points of information that the Application sought. He added that the information provided appeared to be written up and not based on official records. He mentioned for example that while she had sought information relating to constitution of the Medical Board which examined her father, the information furnished stated "no information is available in this office".

Perusal of the case record and the said letter of 01.09.2016 by which the SPIO responded to the Application, it is indeed seen that no information has been supplied in any material form based on records/documents etc. as defined by the RTI Act, 2005 U/S 2 (f). Response given in respect of point number 6 by which the purpose of submission of diary by an ACF to DFO was sought, the Appellant has been advised to obtain the same from the office of the PCCF and HoFF, Assam etc. The SPIO ought to have provided a certified copy of the relevant portion of the manual that provides for submission of such diaries. However, it is seen that in her representation dated 29.12.2017, the Appellant has not specified the reasons, pointwise, for her dissatisfaction with the response of the SPIO.

In view of the facts brought out above, the Commission hereby orders that the Appellant shall submit a representation to the SPIO indicating clearly the grounds for not her being satisfied with the information received with reference to each of the points in her Application and the information/explanation provided thereagainst, within 10 days of receiving

this order and that the SPIO shall respond and provide the information based on official record within 10 days of receiving such representation, free of cost.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-Joint Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M).1012/2017

Dtd. 08.01.2018

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- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division, Silchar, Dist- Cachar, Assam, Pin- 788 001 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The Appellant, Smt. Afrith Rahman, D/o- Md. Anisur Rahman, House No. 47, Namghar Path Near Panjabari Maszid, Panjabari, Guwahati- 37 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Joint Registrar Assam Information Commission