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Case No. : SIC/ SNR.10/2017  
Appellant : Shri Manoj Kr. Sahni  
Respondent : The SPIO, Office of the Superintendent of Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali, Assam.  
Date of hearing : 23-03-2018  
Second Appeal heard by : Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS(Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

**23-03-2018**

Both the parties are absent without any intimation. In view of large no. of cases pending before the Commission the matter is taken up for consideration, based on record, in the absence of both the parties.

Perused the complaint petition filed by the complainant Sri M. Kr. Sahni dt. 30-3-2017. He stated that he had filed an RTI application dt. 23-2-2017 before the SPIO, office of the Deputy Commissioner, Biswanath Chariali, seeking for information from the Superintendent of Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali, as there was no designated SPIO and 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority in the office of Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali. The RTI application was transferred by the Deputy Commissioner, Biswanath Chariali to the Superintendent of Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali asking him to furnish the information to the petitioner directly with intimation to them vide letter dt. 7-3-2017. The Superintendent of Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali vide letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 directed the petitioner to deposit an amount of Rs. 5000/- as photocopy charges for furnishing the required information. Being aggrieved by the decision of the said public authority for imposing unreasonable cost, he filed a complaint petition dt. 30-3-2017 U/S. 18(1) d of the RTI Act, 2005 on the ground noted therein.

The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dt. 23-2-2017 involves a huge volume of information relating to several categories of information. Furnishing of complete information by making photocopies will require compilation of information and substantial cost in making photocopies. This will definitely lead to huge burden on the resources of the concerned public authority. The Commission therefore directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant office record and documents in the office of the Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of document during office hour. The petitioner will give at least two days prior notice to the public authority for inspection of documents.

The Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents as above and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the sought for documents free of cost up to 20 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy.

Sd/-

(Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS(Retd.))  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-  
Joint Registrar  
Assam State Information Commission

**Memo No. SIC/ SNR.10/2017**

**Dtd. 23-03-2018.**

**Copy to:**

1. The SPIO, Office of the Superintendent of Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Biswanath Chariali, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. The Complainant Shri Manoj Kr. Sahni, Vill. Kumalia Centre, P.O. Panibharal, Dist. Biswanath Charili, Pin – 784176 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.

Joint Registrar

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