

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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).1044/2017

Appellant : Shri Hari Narayan Pathak

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Director of Audit (Local Fund), Kar

Bhawan, 6th Floor, Dispur, Guwahati- 6

Date of hearing : 10.04.2018

Second Appeal heard by : Shri Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

10.04.2018

Shri Rajib Loson Borah, Joint Director/SPIO, Audit (Local Fund), Assam and Shri Rupak Kumar Kalita, Dealing Assistant are present. Written Statement dated 17.01.2018 and Written Statement from the First Appellate Authority/Director of Audit (Local Fund), Assam of even date have been submitted.

The Appellant, Shri Hari Narayan Pathak is present.

After perusing the Written Statements and hearing both the SPIO and the Appellant, the Commission concludes that the information sought for has indeed been provided by the Respondent based on official record. However, the Appellant remains dissatisfied with the inability of the Respondent to explain fully the availability of a statement of receipt and expenditure of the organization in question namely, Dhubri Law College duly signed by an Audit Officer, namely Shri T.J. Choudhury of the Directorate of Audit (Local Fund), Assam. He was not satisfied with the verbal information given by the SPIO to the effect that the matter of the said Accounts Statement is being inquired into and that the inquiry is on.

In view of the above, the Commission hereby orders that considering the production by the Appellant copy of an Account Statement signed by the Audit Officer, the matter demands a satisfactory explanation by the Directorate of Audit (Local Fund), Assam. The Public Authority should complete urgently the stated inquiry, and ascertain as to under what authority its Audit Officer had signed the said document in respect of a body which is stated to be outside the Audit mandate of the Directorate (Local Fund), Assam.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary IA & AS (Retd.) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Director of Audit (Local Fund), Kar Bhawan, 6th Floor, Dispur, Guwahati- 6 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Director of Audit (Local Fund), Kar Bhawan, 6th Floor, Dispur, Guwahati- 6 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Shri Hari Narayan Pathak, Padum Pukhuri, Uzan Bazar, Guwahati-781 001, Assam for information.
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