

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

Case No. : SIC/DRN.16/2018

Appellant : Shri Mati Ram Nath

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Chief Executive Officer, Darrang Zilla

Parishad, Darrang, Assam

Date of hearing : 17.05.2018

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

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 17.05.2018

Shri Banamali Sarma, as deputed by the Chief Executive Officer, Darrang Zilla Parishad, Darrang is present.

The Appellant, Shri Mati Ram Nath is present.

Perused the case record. It is seen that the Appellant had sought through his RTI Application dated 29.11.2017 certain information relating to an employee of the Darrang Zilla Parishad who happens to be the SPIO's the deputee in today's hearing. He filed Second Appeal after he did not receive the information or any order on his First Appeal dated 29.12.2017.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he has not received the information through his RTI Application dated 29.11.2017.

Heard the SPIO's deputee. He submitted that the information was not provided for the reason that the RTI Applicant was his (the SPIO's depute's) neighbour and *mala fide* intention on the part of the Applicant was suspected. The Commission observes that the ground on which the information was not provided was not acceptable and that there was no justification for not furnishing the information. The Commission also observes that it is not only the SPIO but also the CEO in the capacity of the First Appellate Authority of the DZP who has failed to take action in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005.

Considering the facts of the case, the Commission hereby orders that the information sought for shall be provided to the Appellant, free of cost, within 10 days of receiving this order. The Commission further orders that both the SPIO and the FAA shall henceforth take appropriate action in accordance with the said Act.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

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

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- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Chief Executive Officer, Darrang Zilla Parishad, Dist.-Darrang, Assam, Pin- 784 125 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Shri Mati Ram Nath, S/o- Lt. Dusta Ram Nath, Vill- Gharowa Sonapur, PO- Dhekipara, Dist- Darrang, Assam, Pin- 784 145 for information.
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