

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

Case No. : SIC/BPT.13 /2018
Appellant : Md. Imran Hussain

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer,

Barkhetri, Bortola, Dist.- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 138

Date of hearing : 18.05.2018

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

State Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER

18.05.2018

Md. Anilur Rahman, AEA, as deputed by the SDAO Barkhetri, Bartala is present. A Written Statement dated 14.05.2018 received from the SDAO as also a letter of authority of deputation of the said official to the hearing.

A Written Statement dated 10.05.2018 has been received from the District Agriculture Officer, Nalbari/First Appellate Authority.

The Appellant, Md. Imran Hussain is present.

Perused the Written Statements. It has been submitted by the FAA that the RTI Application dated 27.11.2017 was transferred on 08.01.2018 to the SDAO, Barkhetri, Bartala to furnish the information within the stipulated time. He further submitted that the SDAO has assured to provide the information to the Appellant. The SDAO has submitted that the information was ready to be provided whenever the Appellant approached.

The Commission observes that the SDAO's statement that the information would be provided whenever the Appellant approached is not acceptable. As the stipulated time was long past, the Public Authority ought to have provided the information without waiting for him to collect it from the Public Authority.

In view of the above, the Commission hereby orders that the SPIO, office of the SDAO, Barkhetri, Bartala shall furnish the information sought for by the Appellant, free of cost, within 10 days of receiving this order and henceforth take action to provide information to information seekers under the RTI Act, 2005 within the stipulated time in the future.

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 Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Barkhetri, Bortola, Dist.- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 138 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/Dist. Agriculture Officer, Dist.- Nalbari, Assam, Pin-781 335 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Md. Imran Hussain, C/o- Hakim Ali, Vill & PO- Losima, PS- Mukalmua, Dist.- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 312 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

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