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Case No.	KP(M)119/2018
Complainant/ Appellant	Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent	Dist. Agriculture Officer, Golaghat.
Date of Hearing	18.05.2018
Complaint/ Second appeal heard by	Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd) State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
18.05.2018

1. . The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority to be represented by the SPIO of the office of District Agriculture Officer (DAO), Golaghat is absent. However, he has sent an e-mail dated 17-5-2018 which was received by the Registry of this Commission on 18-5-2018, i.e, today. In his W/S the SPIO has stated that he did not receive this Commission's notice for appearance at the time of hearing on 19-4-2018.

2. As regards his absence today he submitted that due to his engagement in the on-going NRC preparation work he is unable to come to Guwahati and prayed for re-fixation of the date of hearing. He has also mentioned in his W/S that the petitioner's RTI petition dated 12-10-2017 was received on 16-10-2017. By a letter dated 31-10-2017 the petitioner was requested to deposit a sum of Rs. 9,410/- for making photocopies of 4705 pages @ Rs. 2/- per page and thereafter collect the sought for informations. On receipt of petitioners' first appeal petition dated 7-12-2017 by a letter dated 11-12-2017 the petitioner was again reminded to deposit the required amount of Rs. 9,410/- and collect the information. Copies of the above mentioned letters have been enclosed with the W/S.

3. The petitioner submitted that he did not receive the letter dated 31-10-2017 . A copy of this letter was received by him only as an enclosure with the SPIO's letter dated 11-12-2017 i.e., much after the expiry of the stipulated time period.

4. In the absence of the SPIO and without perusing the relevant office records and any documentary evidence, it could not be ascertained that the SPIO dispatched the letter dated 31-10-2017 to the petitioner.

5. As prayed for by the SPIO, fix 9th July, 2018 , 1.00 P.M for next hearing. Issue notices to both the parties accordingly for their attendance. The SPIO of the office of DAO, Golaghat is further directed to come with documentary evidence including postal receipts in support of his contention that the letter dated 31-10-2017 was dispatched to the petitioner Sri Joydeb Das within the specified time.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

**State Chief Information Commissioner,
Assam**

Authenticated true copy

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Dated 18.05.2018

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- 1) SPIO of the Office of District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat, for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2) Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Late Karunamoy Das, House No. 16, Kushal Konwar Road, Fatashil Ambari, Guwahati-25, for information
- 3) Computer Section for uploading in the Website
- 4) Office file.
- 5) Order Book.**

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