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<b>Case No.</b>	<b>KP(M)226/2018</b>
<b>Complainant/ Appellant</b>	<b>Sri Pranab Kr. Sarkar</b>
<b>Respondent</b>	Department of Secondary Education, GOA.
<b>Date of Hearing</b>	<b>21.05.2018</b>
<b>Complaint/ Second appeal heard by</b>	<b>Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd) State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam</b>

**O R D E R**  
**21.05.2018**

1. The petitioner Sri Pranab Kr. Sarkar is absent without any information. The public authority is represented by Smti Santana Chetia, Joint Secretary and SPIO of Secondary Education Department accompanied by Sri Debeswar Engti, Sr. Administrative Assistant of the Secondary Education Department.
2. The complaint petition dated 20-3-2018 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in the absence of the complainant.
3. From perusal of the case records it is seen that the complainant filed an RTI petition dated 31-1-2018 addressed to the SPIO of the Department of Secondary Education, Govt. of Assam. After not getting the sought for informations within the stipulated time period of 30 days he has submitted his complaint petition dated 22-3-2018 before this Commission.
4. By his complaint petition he prayed for the following actions :-
  - (i) That the informations sought for by him be furnished to him, and
  - (ii) Penalty should be imposed on the concerned SPIO for non-furnishing of informations within the stipulated time in response to his RTI petition.
5. The Joint Secretary and SPIO of Secondary Education Department submitted his written statement dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, with a copy to the complainant Sri Pranab Kr. Sarkar giving point-wise informations in response to his RTI petition. The replies furnished to the petitioner appears to be substantially responsive and satisfactory.

6. The SPIO is directed to send one more copy of her letter No. ASE.404/2018/7 dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 along with the enclosures to the complainant by **Registered Post** immediately , in any case not later than 3 days from the date of this order.

7. As regards the delay in furnishing the informations to the petitioner the SPIO has submitted that the RTI petition dated 31-1-2018 was received in the Department on 4-7-2018, after which the Department got pre-occupied with the Budget Session of the Assembly which was held from 6-2-2018 to 6-4-2018. The SPIO also submitted orally that her predecessor SPIO was meanwhile transferred and it took some time for her to locate the relevant records to prepare and furnish the informations to the petitioner which she has done now. She submitted orally that the delay was not intentional and was caused due to the exigencies of the situation beyond her control. She tendered unconditional apologies for the delay.

8. Her apology is accepted and the complaint petition dated 22-3-2018 is hereby disposed of and the matter is closed.

**Sd/-**

**(H. S. Das)**

**State Chief Information Commissioner,  
Assam**

**Authenticated true copy**

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**Registrar I/c**

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**Dated 21.05.2018**

Copy to:-.

- 1) Smti Santana Chetia, Joint Secretary and SPIO of Secondary Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati -6 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2) Sri Pranab Kr. Sarkar, Golden Tower, Flat No-302 Bagharbari Tiniali, Panjabari, Guwahati – 781 037 for information .
- 3) Computer Section for uploading in the Website
- 4) Office file.
- 5) Order Book.**

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