

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

Case No. : KP(M).119/2018 Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Joydeb Das

Respondent : SPIO, office of the District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat

Date of hearing : 6.8.2018

Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd)

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 6.8.18

The appellant Shri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority, i.e. the District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat is represented by Syed Rajibur Rahman, SPIO of the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat, Assam. The second appeal petition dated 30.1.2017 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties in pursuance of this Commission's earlier orders, the last one being dated 9.7.2018.

The SPIO submitted that vide their letter dated 31.10.17, issue no. 2471, the petitioner was advised to deposit Rs. 9410.00 so as to enable them to furnish the informations sought for by him vide his RTI petition dated 12.10.2017. After filing of the first appeal petition dated 7.12.2017, the same information was communicated to the petitioner vide letter dated 11.12.2017.

The petitioner Shri Joydeb Das submitted that he did not receive the first communication. However, after seeing the relevant pages of the issue register, copy of which was placed before the Commission, there is no reason to disbelieve that the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat had despatched the letter dated 31.10.2017.

So the position as it stands now is that the petitioner has not received the sought for informations. There are two options:- (a) either the petitioner deposits an amount of Rs. 9410.00 to get the relevant records and documents, or (b) he exercises the option of inspecting the relevant records. The petitioner opted to go for the second option, i.e. inspection of records except point no. 4 of his RTI petition. The SPIO of the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat is, therefore, directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and take photocopy of these documents free of cost upto 150 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 30.1.2017 is disposed of.

(H. S. Das)
Chief Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Registrar i/c Assam Information Commission Memo No. SIC/KP(M).119/2018/

Dated. 6.8.2018

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO of the office of the District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Joydeb Das, House No. 16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Fatashil Ambari, Guwahati-25 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

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