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Case No. :No.NGN.104/2018
Complainant/ Appellant Sri Durgeswar Das

Respondent :BDO , Juria Development Block

Date of Hearing :03-10-2018

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

appeal heard by :State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 03-10-2018

- The petitioner Sri Durgeswar Das is absent without any information. Meanwhile a letter No. ASLSA.112/2002/3404 dated 25th September, 2018 have been received from Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) in reply to this Commission's letter No.SIC/NGN/104/2018/29 dated 1st September, 2018.
- 2. The Deputy Secretary, Assam State Legal Services Authority, while enclosing a copy of Sri Durgeswar Das's letter dated 8.8.2018 addressed to the Deputy Secretary, ASLSA, has mentioned in her letter referred to above that Sri Durgeswar Das does not seem to have any connection with any organization called "Anti-corruption, Information and Development Bureau", and that no such organisation have any approval from ASLSA. It has been mentioned that " as stated by Sri Durgeswar Das, he purchased the standard RTI form from a vendor in Nagaon and that that form comes with preprinted statement "Anti-Corruption, Information and Development Bureau, Joyanagar Branch (Voluntary RTI Organization) is an approved Organization of Assam State Legal Services Authority, Guwahati". In other words, the Deputy Secretary, ASLSA's letter clearly brings out that ASLSA has not given any approval to any such organization.
- 3. In view of the above the appellant Sri Durgeswar Das is directed to stop using any such printed RTI forms with unauthorized and dubious inscriptions like -Anti-Corruption, Information and Development Bureau, Joyanagar Branch (Voluntary RTI Organization is an approved organization of Assam State Legal Services Authority, Guwahati.." He is free to file RTI petitions and subsequent appeal petitions, if any, in plain paper.
- 4. The Registry of this Commission is directed to bring the matter to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon District, Assam because it appears that some unscrupulous elements are printing and vending in Nagaon District RTI application forms with dubious inscriptions like "Anti-Corruption, Information and Development Bureau, Joyanagar Branch (Voluntary RTI Organization) is an approved Organization of Assam State Legal Services Authority, Guwahati." Such dubious inscription are likely to mislead and intimidate members of the public as well as the public authorities before whom RTI applications with such dubious inscriptions are submitted.
- 5. The Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon is directed to inquire into the matter and take necessary corrective steps with intimation to this Commission.

6. With the above order the second appeal petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Joint Registrar Assam Information Commission.

Memo No. SIC/ NGN.104/2018/

Dated 03-10-2018

Copy to :-

- 1. Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon, for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2. The SPIO of the office of BDO, Juria Development Block, Nagaon for information
- 3. Sri Durgeswar Das, Residence of Christian Patty, P.O & Dist- Nagaon for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 4. Office file..
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6. Order Book.

Joint Registrar
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