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Case No. : SIC/NGN.159 /2018
Appellant : Md. Karimuddin Ahmed
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Block Elementary Education Officer, Kapili Education Block, Raha, Nagaon, Pin- 782 103, Assam
Date of hearing : 12.12.2018
Second Appeal heard by : Sri Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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12.12.2018

Sri Lakshya Dev Boro, Statistical Assistant, Elementary Education Department as deputed by the Block Development Officer/SPIO is present. He submitted a Written Statement dated 08.11.2018 from the BEEO, Kapili, Nagaon.

A Written Statement dated 17.11.2018 has been received from the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Nagaon.

The Appellant, Md. Karimuddin Ahmed is present. He submitted a Written Statement with today's date.

Perused the Written Statements and heard the SPIO's depute and the Appellant. As against the information sought for relating to the attendance register and the counterfoils of the transfer certificates issued by No. 203 Dighaliati L.P. School from 1996 to 2013 and from 2014 to 2016, the current Head Teacher of the school has informed that records prior to her taking over charge in 2014 were not available and sought an amount of Rs. 2000/- for providing photocopies for the period 2014 onwards. The RTI Application made to the BEEO was dated 16.01.2018. The Appellant was aggrieved that he was not given the information inspite of First Appeals and reminders. The reply of the Head Teacher was not acceptable to him for the reason that certificates had been issued by the school pertaining to the period and that the same had been utilized in connection with the ongoing NRC exercises. His appeal was for a higher level inquiry to ascertain facts in public interest.

After a careful consideration of the facts brought up before it, the Commission is of the view that important records such as attendance register of students and issue of transfer certificates are to be maintained by an educational institution mandatorily and if the same has not been found, for the period prior to 2014 as the said school is claimed by the Head Teacher, Smti. Anita Devi.

The SPIO's depute submitted that he had a set of the copies of the documents pertaining to the period 2014 onwards ready with him to be provided to the Appellant.

In view of this, **the Commission hereby orders that the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Nagaon shall institute a formal inquiry in this regard, provide the information to the Appellant, free of cost, if found, and if not, taken disciplinary action against the school authorities, responsible for loss of records. The inquiry should be completed and follow up action taken within 45 days of receiving this order.**

The Commission further orders that the SPIO, office of the BEEO, Kapili Education Block shall obtain the information and furnish the same to the Appellant, free of cost, within 15 days of receiving this order.

Fix another date for hearing.

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary IA & AS (Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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4. The Appellant, Md. Karimuddin Ahmed, President of Sodou Asom Goria-Moria-Deshi Jatiya Parishad, Dighaliati Anchalik Samittee, Dighaliati, Raha, Nagaon, Pin-782 103, Assam for information.
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