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Case No. : SIC/NGN.288 /2018

Appellant : Md. Hedayat Ullah

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Project Director, DRDA, Nagaon, Assam

Date of hearing : 28.11.2018

Second Appeal heard by : Sri Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

28.11.2018

The SPIO absent. However, a Written Statement dated 11.10.2018 has been received from the SPIO and Assistant Statistical Officer, DRDA, Nagaon.

The Appellant has conveyed an apology for his absence in the hearing.

Perused the Written Statement. It has been submitted that the SPIO, office of the PD, DRDA, Nagaon had transferred the RTI Application through his letter dated 19.01.2018 and disposed of the First Appeal directing the Block Development Officer, Batadraba Dev. Block to furnish the information within 18.05.2018. The BDO then directed the Secretary, Katahguri Gaon Panchayat to provide the information to the Appellant. The Secretary of the GP sought an amount of Rs. 13560/- towards the cost of photocopying.

Perused the case record. It is seen that in his Second Appeal dated 22.05.2018 the Appellant alleged that the Secretary of the GP had sought for a large amount, namely, Rs. 13500/- (the amount is Rs. 13560/- in the GP Secretary's letter dated 20.02.2018) with the intention to not providing the information. He stated that he wanted the information as there were large scale of irregularities and corruption in the GP.

From the records it is seen that the PD, DRDA, Nagaon/First Appellate Authority had issued the direction to the BDO, Batadraba Dev. Block on 20.04.2018 which is after issue of the letter regarding the cost of photocopying. It can be inferred that the FAA had issued the order after having taken due consideration of the fact of the said demand. However, the BDO and the GP Secretary have not complied with the order of the FAA.

However, the Commission recognizes the possibility of the records being voluminous that might require considerable resources on the part of the GP.

Considering this, **the Commission hereby orders that the Secretary, Katahguri GP shall allow the Appellant to inspect the records in his office and to take notes etc. during office hours by fixing a date and communicating the same to the Appellant within 10 days of receipt of this order. The Appellant shall indicate the documents whose copies he**

would require and the Secretary shall provide upto 100 copies, free of cost and the rest at the cost of the Appellant. The task of inspection and furnishing of information/documents should be complied within two to three days.

**The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.**

Sd/-

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

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2. The SPIO, O/o the Project Director, DRDA, Nagaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
3. The First Appellate Authority/ Project Director, DRDA, Nagaon, Assam for information.
4. The Appellant, Md. Hedayat Ullah, S/o- Harmuj Ali, Roumari, PS- Dhing, PO- Roumari Beel, Pin- 782 123, Assam for information.
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