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Case No. : SIC/CCR.25/2018
Appellant : Sri Ranjit Choudhury

Respondent The SPIO, Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Silchar

Rural Road Division, Silchar, Dist. Cachar, Assam

Date of hearing : 7-12-2018

Second Appeal heard by : Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS(Retd.)

State Information Commissioner, Assam

### ORDER 7-12-2018

The petitioner Sri Ranjit Choudhury is absent. The public authority is represented by Sri Bishnu Roy, APIO, O/o the Executive Engineer, PWD, Silchar Rural Road Division on behalf of the SPIO as authorized by him.

The PIO & S.E.(P) has informed the Commission vide letter dt. 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 that the required information had already been furnished to the applicant. He further stated that as per his telephonic discussion on the date of hearing with the S.E.(P) on 7-7-2017 the applicant said that he had received the information from the PWD, Silchar R.R. Divn. and the 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal petition was disposed of.

On perusal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal petition dt. 28-11-2017, it appears that the petitioner had received a reply vide letter dt. 16-6-2017, but the PIO of the Rural Road Division did not provide photocopies of papers mentioned in column – (iii), (v) & (vii) of his RTI petition dt. 26-9-2016. Thereafter he filed his 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal on 12-6-2017 and hearing was fixed on 7-7-2017. The Appellant denied that he had confirmed that he had received the reply of the RTI in question, involved in the Appeal over telephone. He stated that he made a complaint before the State Information Commission on 16-8-2017 as he was ill since June, 2017 and on receipt of letter from the Commission vide SIC/CCR.167/2017/16 dt. 11-10-2017, the Appellant filed his 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal petition on 28-11-2017.

The complaint petition referred to above is not available on record, but it is seen that another file had been opened Case No. SIC/CCR.167/2017 on the same RTI petition dt. 26-9-2016. The Case No. SIC/CCR.167/2017 be closed as it relates to the same subject matter.

During the hearing the Jr. Engineer, PWD who was present stated that the information had been furnished to the petitioner vide letter dt. 16-6-2017 except copies of measurement book. Since the documents are voluminous, it will involve huge expenditure in making photocopies.

The Commission therefore directs the petitioner to visit the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Silchar Rural Division and inspect the document within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of documents during office hours. The petitioner will give at least two days notice to the public authority for inspection of documents.

The Executive Engineer, PWD is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the document as above and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the sought for documents free of cost up to 25 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy after depositing the cost thereof, to be estimated by the SPIO of the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Silchar Rural Division.

With the above direction the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal petition dt. 28-11-2017 is disposed of.

Sd/-

( Nilufer Alam Hazarika,IAS(Retd.) ) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Assam State Information Commission

## Memo No. SIC/CCR.25/2018

Dtd. 7-12-2018.

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- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Silchar Rural Road Division, Silchar, Dist. Cachar, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/ Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati 3 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Sri Ranjit Choudhury, Rangpur, Shantipara, Silchar Town, Dist. Cachar, Assam, Pin 788009 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

Joint Registrar Assam State Information Commission