



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

Case No. : BNG.10/2018
Complainant/ appellant : Shri Narendra Nath Sarma
Respondent : SPIO of Elementary Education Department, Govt. of Assam
Date of hearing : 28.01.2019
Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
28.01.2019

1. The appellant Shri Narendra Nath Sarma as well as the public authority to be represented by the SPIO of Elementary Education Department, Govt. of Assam – both are absent. The appellant has sent a written communication by mail today informing his inability to attend today's hearing and praying for imposition of penalty on the concerned SPIO for his failure to furnish the sought for informations within the stipulated time. The SPIO of Elementary Education Department remained absent without any information.

2. From perusal of the RTI petition dated 16.2.2018 filed by the petitioner Shri Narendra Nath Sarma it appears that the matter relates to reimbursement of medical expenses of a Government employee. The RTI application has asked several questions in this regard without specifying the records and documents that he wants the concerned SPIO to furnish to him. This Commission is of the view that furnishing of the following informations will meet the requirement of RTI petition :-

(a) Procedure followed, indicating the designation of officials of both Education and Health Departments, through whom medical reimbursement proposals have to move, along with time limit, if any, fixed at each stage for approval or rejection of the medical reimbursement claim proposals.

(b) The designation of authority that approves sanction of admissible medical reimbursement proposals

(c) Designation of the authority who sanctions admissible medical reimbursement;

(d) The total number of medical reimbursement proposals received by the Elementary Education Department from 1st January, 2017 upto 16.2.2018 (the date of the RTI petition) and the total number of medical reimbursement proposals sanctioned during the said period.

3. The SPIO of Elementary Education Department is directed to furnish the above informations to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. If the petitioner is interested to know the names of all the persons who submitted medical reimbursement claims during the period 1st January, 2017 to 16.2.2018 along with names of persons whose claims were sanctioned and all those whose claims were not

sanctioned during the period mentioned above, then the petitioner is directed to exercise his right of inspection of relevant documents and records during office hours on any working day within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order. He is further directed to inform the SPIO of Elementary Education Department about his intention to inspect the relevant records with at least two days' advance notice.

4. The SPIO of Elementary Education Department is directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records as ordered above. The SPIO of Elementary Education Department is also directed to report compliance of the above order within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

5. The appellant is also directed to report to this Commission within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order whether he received the sought for informations as ordered above.

6. With the above orders, the complaint petition dated 16.02.2018 is disposed of.

7. **Fix 1.30 PM on 27.02.2019 for review of compliance.**

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

Chief Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-

Registrar i/c
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ BNG.10/2018/

Dated. 28.01.2019

Copy to: 1. The SPIO of Elementary Education Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
2. Shri Narendra Nath Sarma, Abhyapuri, Ward No. 3, Dist. Bongaigaon, Assam for information and necessary action as ordered above.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book

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