

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

Case No. NGN 322/ 2018
Complainant/ Appellant Sri Durgeswar Das

Respondent : SPIO of Block Development Office, Lahorigaht Dev.

Block, Morigaon, Assam.

Date of hearing 21.02.2019

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 21.02.2019

- 1. The petitioner Sri Durgeswar Das is absent without any information. The public authority, i.e., the Lahorighat Block Development Office, Morigaon is represented by Sri Ranju Pator, Accountant and Sri Dandi Ram Nath, Sr. Assistant (Accounts) of the Development Block as authorized by PIO and BDO vide his letter dated 20.2.2019.
- 2. The second Appeal Petition dated 25.5.2018 read with the RTI petition dated 8.2.2018 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in the absence of the petitioner.
- 3. The officials of Lahorighat Development Block who are present today submitted before this Commission copies of orders dated 12.6.2018 and 4.7.2018 passed by the Project Director and the 1st Appellate Authority of DRDA, Morigaon, Assam. In both the orders the 1st Appellate Authority did not mention the dates of the RTI petition and the first appeal petition, but he disposed of the first appeal case after ex parte hearing of the BDO/SPIO of Lahorighat Development Block on 29th June, 2018 on the ground of absence of the petitioner/appellant Sri Durgeswar Das on two successive dates of hearing. It could not be ascertained from those two orders whether the first appellate authority actually took up for hearing the first appeal petition dated 15.3.2018 read with RTI petition dated 8.2.2018, because they refer to an application dated 24.3.2018.
- 4. From perusal of the RTI petition dated 8.2.2018 it appears that the informations sought for by the petitioner cover a period of five years from 2013-14 to 2017-18 regarding implementation of the IAY scheme. Furnishing of the informations will require compilation from different records of the block office. In view of the multiplicity of the informations sought for by the petitioner, the BDO and SPIO of Lahorighat Development Block is directed to allow the petitioner to inspect relevant records and documents during office hours on any working day within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and allow him to take notes and photocopies of sought for records free of cost upto 20 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs.2/- for every additional page of photocopy. This is in pursuance of Section 2(j) of the RTI Act 2005.
- 5. With the above order the 2nd Appeal Petition dated 25.5.2018 is disposed of.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/
Registrar i/c

Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ NGN.322/2018

Dated 21.02.2019

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO of the office of the Block Development Officer, Lahorighat Development Block, Morigaon, Assam for information. and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Durgeswar Das, Christian Patty, P.O. & Dist. Nagaon, Assam, PIN 782001.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

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