



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

Case No. : KP(M).1064/2018
Complainant/ appellant : Shri Utpal Das
Respondent : SPIO of the Directorate of Welfare of Schedule Castes,
Assam
Date of hearing : 25.02.2019
Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
25.02.2019

1. The petitioner Shri Utpal Das is present. The public authority, i.e. the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes is represented by Shri Jagadish Das, SPIO and Research Assistant accompanied by:- (1) Shri Hari Kanta Das, Junior Asstt. and (2) Smti. Hiron Deuri, Jr. Assistant of the Directorate. The second appeal petition dated 7.6.2018 read with RTI petition dated 9.1.2018 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

2. From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner asked for several informations covering the period of 10 years. The informations sought for appears to be voluminous. It is further seen that :-

- (a) Informations sought for against point nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the RTI petitions are held by the Sub-Divisional Welfare office, Guwahati under the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam,
- (b) Informations against point no. 4 are held by the Directorate and
- (c) Informations against point no. 5 are held by the respective Sub-Divisional office of the Directorate.

3. It is also seen from the case records that the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer for Scheduled Castes, Guwahati wrote to the petitioner to deposit Rs. 9000.00 for furnishing the Xerox copies of informations sought for. The petitioner wanted the informations by way of e-mail or pen drive. But he was informed as stated by him that the informations are not yet computerized.

In view of the above, the following orders are passed:

- (i) The Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer for Scheduled Castes –Niharika Path, House No. 20, Hatigaon, Guwahati-38 will allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records 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 the sought for informations free of cost upto 50 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for every page of photocopy.
- (ii) As regards point No. 4, i.e. total fund received from the Central Government by the directorate of Scheduled Castes Welfare during the

last 10 years, the SPIO is directed to furnish the informations to the petitioner with year-wise break up within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

- (iii) As regards point no. 5 of the RTI petition, the SPIO of the Directorate of Scheduled Castes Welfare is directed to transfer that point of the RTI petition to all the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officers under the Directorate of Scheduled Castes Welfare within 7 days from the date of this order which was pronounced in presence of the SPIO and advise the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officers to either furnish the informations sought for to the petitioner within 30 days from the date of receipt of the transferred RTI petition or, if the sought for informations are voluminous in nature and require compilation , advise the petitioner to deposit the cost of photocopies and furnish the transferred informations within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order or as third alternative to inspect the relevant documents and records during office hours on any working day within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and also allow him to take notes and photocopies free of cost upto 20 copies and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for every additional page of photocopy.

With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 7.6.2018 is disposed of.

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

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Registrar i/c
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M).1064/2018/

Dated. 25.02.2019

- Copy to: 1. The SPIO of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam, Sarumatoria, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
2. The Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer under the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam, Niharika Path, House No. 20, Guwahati-38 for information and necessary action.
3. All the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officers under the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes. Assam for information and necessary action.
4. Shri Utpal Das, House No. 41, Rang pathar Bye Lane, Fatshil, Ambari, Guwahati-25 for information.
5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
6. Office File.
7. Order Book

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