



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

Case No.	KP(M)35/ 2018
Complainant/ Appellant	Sri Utpal. Das
Respondent	: SPIO of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd.
Date of hearing	05.03.2019
Complaint/ Second	: Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by	Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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05.03.2019

1. The public authority, i.e., the Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. (ASCL) is present as represented by their SPIO Smt. Priyanka Hazarika and ASPIO Sri Gunjanan W. Shyam. The appellant Sri Utpal Das is absent. He sent a written communication dated 2.3.2019 praying for ex parte disposal of his second appeal petition dated 16.12.2017 as he was unable to attend today's hearing due to his pre-occupation elsewhere. The second appeal petition dated 16.12.2017, is therefore, taken up for consideration ex parte in the absence of the appellant.

2. From perusal of the case records, it is seen that the petitioner Sri Utpal Das filed an RTI petition dated 19.8.2017 before the SPIO of the Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam. The SPIO of the Directorate of Agriculture transferred the RTI petition vide their letter dated 21.8.2017 to the SPIO of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd. with a request to furnish the required informations directly to the petitioner.

3. The General Manager (MNT) of ASCL wrote to the petitioner Sri Utpal Das vide letter dated 5.3.2019 in response to the RTI petition dated 19.8.2017. He has advised the petitioner to collect the informations against point no.1 of the RTI petition from the SPIO of Directorate of Agriculture, since supply of Borex for the FY 2013-14 was handled by the Directorate.

The SPIO of Directorate of Agriculture is therefore, directed to furnish the required informations to the petitioner Sri Utpal Das within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. As regards point no.2 of the RTI petition, the petitioner has been asked to deposit the required fee. This Commission is of the view that since the mandatory period of 30 days is long over, the ASCL's demand for fee towards the cost of photocopy is no longer tenable. The SPIO of ASCL is therefore, directed to furnish the sought for informations to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of this order which was pronounced in his presence, without any cost.

5. As regards point nos. 3 and 4 of the RTI petition, this Commission is of the view that the sought for informations cover a long period of 10 years from 2005 to 2015 and the informations sought for appears to be voluminous. The SPIO of ASCL is, therefore, directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and files during office hour on any working day and also allow him to take notes and photocopies of documents free of cost upto 50 pages copies against each point and thereafter on payment of Rs.2/- for every additional page of photocopy.

6. With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 16.12.2017 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/ KP(M)35/2018

Dated 05.03.2019

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd., Khanapara, Guwahati for information. and necessary action.
2. The Director of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati.
3. Sri Utpal Das, House No.41, Rang Pathar Bye Lane, Fatasil Ambari, Ghy.25.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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