

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

Case No. : KP(M).77/2019 Complainant/ appellant : Shri Jehirul Islam

Respondent : SPIO of the Directorate of Food, Civil Supplied and

Consumer Affairs, Guwahati-5

Date of hearing : 19.03.2019

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 19.03.2019

- 1. The public authority, i.e. Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department of Government of Assam is represented by: (1) Smti. Jinti Das, ACS, Deputy Secretary on behalf of the SPIO, (2) Jyotish Das, Joint Director and i/c SPIO of the Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Assam, (3) Shri Dhiraj Baishya, Jr. Assistant, and (4) Shri Jatin Ch Bharali, Sr. Assistant of the said Directorate. Shri Jehirul Islam, purportedly authorized by the petitioner, All India Handicapped Parishad, is absent without any information. The second appeal petition dated 26.10.2018 is taken up for hearing ex parte in the absence of the representative of the petitioners.
- The Joint Director cum SPIO of the Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Assam has submitted a written statement dated 15th March, 2019, which is entered into the case records. The Secretary-cum-first appellate authority of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department has also submitted a separate written statement dated 12th March, 2019, which has also been entered into the case records. Both the WSs are supported by several attachments. The gist of their WSs is that the RTI petition dated 8.8.2018 submitted by Shri K.D. Munda, President of All India Handicapped Parishad (AIHP) and Shri M.J.I. Bora, Secretary of the AIHP, is regarding recruitment to the posts of Sub-Inspectors under the Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and consumer Affairs. Reply to the RTI petition was furnished to Shri Jehirul Islam, who was authorized by a letter dated 8.10.2018 to represent the AIHP before this Commission. However, on closer scrutiny of the case records it is seen that the signature of the President of AIHP Shri K.D. Munda in the RTI petition dated 8.8.2018 is different from his signature in the first appeal petition dated 20.9. The signature of the Secretary, Shri M.J. I. Bora is also clearly different in the above mentioned RTI and first appeal petitions. Then again, in a letter dated 8.10.2018 authorising Shri Jehirul Islam to represent AIHP before this Commission, the name of the President of AIHP is mentioned as S.K. Munda with a signature different from each of the earlier two signatures mentioned above. This seems to be a case of forgery. The SPIO of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs submitted orally that Shri Jehirul Islam was an unsuccessful candidate in the test for recruitment of Sub-Inspects under the physical handicapped quota. This submission reinforces the suspicion that an element of forgery is involved. In the submissions made in the name of All India

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Handicapped Parishad, the letter head of AIHP bears no address of the President. This Commission would not like to waste its time on a second appeal petition which is apparently based on forged documents. The SPIO of the Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs is directed to refer the matter to police for an investigation of the prima facie forgery, which if proved, is a criminal offence.

3, With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 26.10.2018 is dismissed with the proviso that the organization called All India Handicapped Parishad, if any such organization actually exists, can revert to this Commission for further hearing after suspicions about genuineness of the instant RTI petition, first appeal petition and second appeal petition are fully disposed.

Sd/-

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

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Assam Information Commission

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 - Assam, Dispur, guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.

 2. The SPIO of the Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Assam,
 - Bhangagarh, Guwahati-5 for information and necessary action.
 - 3. Shri Jehirul Islam, Vill- No. 2 Barua Pathar, PO- Barua Pathar, Boko Kamrup, Assam, PIN-781136 for information.
 - 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
 - 5. Office File.
 - 6. Order Book

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