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Case No. : SIC/NGN.366 /2018
Appellant : Md. Abdul Jalil Akanda
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Soil Conservation Division, Barpeta, Dist.-
Barpeta, Pin- 781 301, Assam
Date of hearing : 14.05.2019
Second Appeal heard by : Sri Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam

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14.05.2019

Sri Pradip Dutta, Divisional Officer, Barpeta Soil Conservation Division, Barpeta is present. He submitted a Written Statement dated 13.05.2019.

The Appellant, Md. Abdul Jalil Akanda is present.

Heard the Appellant. He submitted that he has not received the information sought for through his RTI Application dated 29.06.2018 or any decision from the First Appellate Authority on his First Appeal dated 17.08.2018.

Heard the Divisional Officer and perused the Written Statement. He submitted that he had taken over charge recently and found from the record that the Appellant was asked to deposit an amount of Rs. 25,000/- towards cost of photocopying through a letter dated 04.09.2018 or alternatively to verify the records physically in the office during office hours. However, the Appellant did not respond. The Divisional Officer added that the information sought for related to as many as eight years, from 2010 to 2018 and detailed information on all the schemes implemented by his office and was therefore considerably voluminous. Despite this, he has now collected all the information excepting for that related to plans and estimates. He was allowed to hand over the information/documents to the Appellant. The Appellant acknowledged the receipt of the same stating that he would require sometime to verify the documents.

Based on the RTI Applications and the submission, the Commission accepts the contention of the respondent that the information sought for was indeed voluminous. Considering this and the fact that copies of a large number of documents have already been provided free of cost, the Commission considered it just and fair that the remaining information be allowed to be inspected by the Appellant instead of providing copies of all the relevant documents. **The Commission hereby directs the Divisional Officer to allow the Appellant to inspect the records relating to the remaining information namely, plans and**

estimates of schemes/projects for the relevant period, take notes etc. during office hours and provide upto 50 copies of authenticated documents, free of cost, and the rest on payment by the Appellant at the prescribed rate. The Divisional Officer shall fix a date for inspection according to mutual convenience within 15 days of receiving this order and the entire task shall be completed within 3 days of its beginning.

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of with the above direction.

Sd/-
Pinuel Basumatary IA & AS (Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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3. The Appellant, Md. Abdul Jalil Akanda, Islampatty, Seujnagar, PO- Hoiborgaon, Pin- 782 002, Dist.- Nagaon, Assam for information.
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