

OFFICE OF THE ASSAM INFORMATIONS COMMISSION JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037

Case No Complainant/ Appellant Respondent Date of hearing Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by

KP (M).748/2019
Sri Manish Hazarika
The SPIO of APDCL, Govt. of Assam
27.05.2019
Shri H.S. Das. IAS (Retd)
Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 27.05.2019

1. The petitioner/ appellant Sri Manish Hazarika is present. The public authority i.e. Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd. (APDCL) is absent. However, the SPIO of the APDCL has sent a written submission dated 23.05.2019 which is entered into the case records. It has been mentioned in the written statement that the informations sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 22.1.2019 have meanwhile been furnished to him vide letter dated 3.4.2019. The appellant also acknowledged receipt of the forwarding letter dated 3.4.2019 together with enclosures containing the informations furnished by the SPIO, APDCL. However, the appellant submitted that he is not satisfied with the information on the following three grounds:-

- (a) The informations are incomplete in that some parts of his answer scripts have been left out at the time of photo copying,
- (b) The hard copy of his answer scripts furnished to him have not been certified/ authenticated or attested as true copy, and;
- (c) He has not been furnished soft copy of the answer script.

2. The appellant Sri Manish Hazarika produced before this Commission hard copy of informations furnished to him by the SPIO of APDCL, from perusal of which it appears that the grounds of dissatisfaction are valid. Section 2 (j) (ii) of the RTI Act clearly mentions that "right to information" means and includes, inter alia, right to obtain certified copies of documents or records. Similarly, Section 2(j) (iv) of the RTI Act, 2005 also states that RTI means and includes right to obtain information in any electronic form.

3. In view of the above, the SPIO of Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd. is directed to allow the petitioner to obtain within seven days from the date of receipt of this order, -

 Complete and correct hard copy of his answer script dully certified/ attested by the concerned officials of the APDCL with seal and signature in each page; (ii) Furnish un-scanned soft copy of the petitioner's answer script.

4. With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 30.3.2019 is disposed of.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar i/c Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M).748/2019

Dated. 27.05.2019

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO of the Office of the Deputy General Manager, (Law), APDCL, Bijulee Bhawan, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
- The Petitioner, Sri Manish Hazarika, House No-11, 2 No. Udayan Path, Krishnapur, Opp- Reliance Market, Beltola, P.O & P.S- Basistha, Dist- Kamrup(M), Ph No- 9101616814 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for Uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File
- 5. Order Book

Registrar i/c Assam Information commission