

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

Case No. KP(M)378/ 2019 Complainant/ Appellant Sri Rojot Roy.

Respondent : SPIO of Assam Industrial Infrastructure Dev. Corpn.

Date of hearing 21.06.2019

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

21.06.2019

- 1. The appellant/petitioner Sri Rojot Roy is absent without any information. The public authority, i.e., Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (AIIDC) is present as represented by Sri Ritumoni Pachani, SPIO and Deputy General Manager (Civil) of AIIDC accompanied by Smti. Moon Bhagabati, Deputy Manager and Sri Narendra Nath Kakati, Accountant. The second appeal petition dated 14.11.2018 read with the RTI petition dated 4.9.2018 filed by the petitioner Sri Rojot Roy is taken up for hearing ex parte in the absence of the petitioner.
- 2. It is seen from the case records that the petitioner followed up his RTI petition dated 4.9.2018 with a first appeal petition dated 4.10.2018. The FAA and MD of AIIDC fixed 20th October, 2018 at 10.30 A.M. to hear the petitioner's first appeal petition dated 4.10.2018. The MD of AIIDC and the FAA has sent a written communication dated 20.6.2019 enclosing a copy of report of steps taken to dispose of the above mentioned RTI petition and the first appeal petition. It has been mentioned in the action taken report that due to the absence of the appellant at the time of hearing of his first appeal petition, it could not be disposed of. However, on 20.6.2019 all the sought for informations were sent to the petitioner in his given address by speed post vide letter No. AIIDC/RTI/673/08/part-II/22103 dated 20.6.2019.
- 3. The Deputy GM and SPIO of AIIDC has also submitted a separate written statement dated 20.6.2019 reiterating the above position. The SPIO has also mentioned that their organization is a small organization with limited manpower, and therefore, there was some delay in furnishing the informations which were voluminous running into 386 pages.
- 4. This Commission is of the view that the concerned SPIO could have informed the petitioner with details about the additional fee to be paid as per procedure laid down under Section 7(3) of the RTI Act within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request for informations. Had the information seeker deposited the required additional fee as per laid down procedure, then he could be furnished the sought for documents within the prescribed time limit irrespective of number of pages. Alternatively, the information seeker could be requested within 30 days from the date of receipt of request for information etc. to exercise his/her right to information by way of inspection of records/documents and taking of notes, extracts or certified copies of documents and records by making necessary payments within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request under Section 2(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. In the instant case, since the sought for documents have already been sent by the concerned SPIO to the information seeker by post yesterday dated 20.6.2019, there seems to be no further cause of action and hence the second appeal petition dated 14.11.2018 is disposed of.

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

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Sd/
Registrar i/c

Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M)378/2019

Dated 21.06.2019

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO of Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation, Moniram Dewan Road, Bamunimaidam, Industrical Esate, Guwahati 21 for information.
- 2. Sri Rojot Roy, S/O- Ronada Roy, H/No-99, ABC, Tarun nagar Main lane, Ghy-05.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

Registrar i/c
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