

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

Case No. : KP(M).383/2019 Complainant/ appellant : Shri Indrajit Sarma

Respondent : SPIO of the Directorate of Char Areas Development,

Government of Assam.

Date of hearing : 24.6.2019

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 24.6.2019

- 1. The petitioner/appellant Shri Indrajit Sarma is present. The public authority to be represented by the SPIO of the Directorate of Char Areas Development (CAD), Dispur, Guwahati-6 is absent. However, he has sent a written submission dated 21st June, 2019 stating that the informations sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 24.7.2018 have already been furnished to him vide letter No. CADa 123/RTI/2014/510-11 dated 19.6.2019, copy of which has been enclosed. The petitioner submitted orally that he is yet to receive the said letter dated 19.6.2019 with the enclosures containing the sought for informations.
- 2. Since the SPIO of the Directorate of CAD, Assam has mentioned in his WS that the sought for informations have already been furnished to the petitioner, this Commission is of the view that the petitioner may wait for a few more days for delivery of the same by the postal authorities. If he does not receive it by 10th of July, 2019, then he is directed to inform the SPIO of the Directorate of Char Areas Development, Assam, who shall furnish a duplicate set of the informations within 10 days thereafter. After receipt of the information, if the petitioner is not satisfied, then he may revert to this Commission specifying the grounds for his dissatisfaction within 14th August, 2019.
- 3. This Commission also notes that the petitioner's RTI petition was dated 24.7.2018 and the SPIO of the Directorate of CAD has furnished the informations only on 19th June, 2019, i.e. one year after the RTI petition. This is violation of the provision of the section 7 (i) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the 30 days time period stipulated therein. The SPIO of the Directorate of CAD is, therefore, directed to show cause as to why penal action u/s 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 shall not be initiated against him. He is directed to submit his written explanation on or before 21.8.2019
- 4. Fix 12.30 PM on 21.8.2019 for hearing of the written explanation of the SPIO of Char Areas Development, Assam and further submission by the appellant, if any.
- 5. Issue notices to both the parties accordingly.

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).383/2019/

Dated. 24.6.2019

- Copy to: 1. The SPIO of the Directorate of Char Areas Development, Dispur, Guwahati-781 006 for information and necessary action.
 - Guwahati-781 006 for information and necessary action.

 2. Shri Indrajit Sarma, Ujoni Nagar, Bhogar Gaon, House No. 8, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information and necessary action directed above.
 - 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
 - 4. Office File.
 - 5. Order Book

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