



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

Case No.	KP(M)150/ 2019
Complainant/ Appellant	Sri Priti Mohan Sarmah.
Respondent	: SPIO of the office of the DTO, Goalpara.
Date of hearing	19.07.2019
Complaint/ Second	: Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by	Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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19.07.2019

1. The petitioner Sri Priti Mohan Sarmah is present. The public authority to be represented by the SPIO of the office of the DTO, Goalpara is absent. However, the DTO, Goalpara vide his letter No. DTO/GLP/019/346 dated 18.7.2019 authorised Sri Manik Goyary, Jr. Assistant of his office to attend the hearing today. In this connection this Commission would like to direct the DTO, Goalpara not to authorize assistant level representative before the Commission. It is expected that such representative should not be below the rank of SPIO or ASPIO or any other officer. The presence of Sri Manik Gayary, Junior Assistant will therefore be treated as a messenger from the DTO carrying the relevant papers to be placed before the Commission.
2. The messenger of the office of the DTO, Goalpara brought with him a copy of letter No. DTO/GLP/018/53 dated 2nd May, 2018 addressed to the petitioner Sri Priti Mohan Sarmah furnishing the information sought for by his RTI petition dated 23.4.2018. The petitioner said that he is yet to receive the same. The Registry of this Commission is directed to furnish a copy of the same to the petitioner and obtain his endorsement thereon in acknowledgement of receipt of the same. If the petitioner requires signed copy of the same letter, he is directed to personally contact the SPIO of DTO, Goalpara within 15 days from the date of this order which was pronounced today in his presence, and the SPIO is directed to furnish the same within 15 days.
3. In this connection this Commission observed that the instant RTI petition as well as the appeal petition are in connection with normal routine functioning and service delivery by a Govt. office. Use of RTI in such cases by officials or agents of Insurance Cos,. should have been an exception, and not the general practice.. The DTO, Goalpara is, therefore, directed to be vigilant that his office does not procrastinate in furnishing such routine informations and documents to the information seekers. The information seeker is also directed to use normal official procedure to obtain such information instead of resorting to RTI at the very first instance.

4. With the above order the second appeal petition dated 12.8.2018 is disposed of.

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


Authenticated true copy.


Registrar i/c
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M)150/2019

Dated 19.07.2019

- Copy to:
1. The DTO, Goalpara for information and necessary action.
 2. The SPIO of the office of the DTO, Goalpara for information and necessary action.
 3. Sri Priti Mohan Sarmah, S/o Lt. Avoi Chandra Sarmah, H/No.33, Gharmara Satra Path, Geeta Nagar, P.O. & P.S. Noonmati, Guwahati 20.
 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
 5. Office File.
 6. Order Book.


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