

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

Case No. Complainant/ Appellant Respondent Date of hearing Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by KP(M)997/2017
Sri Dulal Bora
SPIO of Assam Public Service Commission. 21.08.2019
Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER 21.08.2019

1. The appellant Sri Dulal Bora is absent without any information. The public authority, i.e., Assam Public Service Commission is represented by Sri Naba Kumar Das, SPIO and Under Secretary accompanied by Sri Nagendra Baruah, Jr. AA of APSC. The second appeal petition dated 24.7.2017 is taken up for further consideration in pursuance of this Commission's earlier order dated 18.7.2019 ex parte in the absence of the appellant.

2. The appellant Sri Dulal Bora did not furnish any evidence against the contents of the APSC's letter dated 6.3.2017 by which he was furnished required relevant informations, although Sri Bora was directed to do so vide para 7 of this Commission's order dated 18.7.2019.

3. The SPIO of APSC has submitted a detailed written statement dated 17.8.2019. It is seen from his WS that the appellant Sri Dulal Bora filed RTI applications on the same matter before five other public authorities which were transferred by the SPIOs of those public authorities to APSC. The SPIO of APSC informed Sri Dulal Bora that available related information was already communicated to him vide APSC's letter No. 4PSC/RTI-01/167/2016-2017 dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

4. The gist of the matter is that the APSC denied the allegations made by Sri Dulal Bora in his complaint petition dated 5.12.2015 filed before the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam. It also appears from the WS that no inquiry has been ordered on the basis of his allegations by any of the public authorities whom he had approached with RTI petitions. That being the case, there seems to be no further cause of action for this Commission..

5. This Commission would, however, put on record that filing of multiple RTI applications by the same information seeker before multiple public authorities causes confusion, besides wasting valuable time of the public authorities. Although the RTI Act has put no limit of the number of RTI application that any one applicant can file, it is expected that the information seekers make proper use of the RTI Act by acting reasonably and rationally. Earlier also the appellant Sri Dulal Bora was directed to refrain from filing multiple RTI applications before different public authorities on the same subjects. The same direction is reiterated. The Registry of this Commission is directed to furnish a copy of SPIO of APSC's written statement dated 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 to the appellant Sri Dulal Bora for his information and necessary action, if any, in compliance with para 7 of this Commission's order dated 18.7.2019.

6. With the above order the second appeal petition dated 24.7.2017 is disposed of.

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

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Registrar i/c Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ KP(M)997/2017

Dated 21.08.2019

- Copy to: 1. The SPIO of Assam Public Service Commission, Khanapara, Guwahati 22 for information. and necessary action.
  - 2. Sri Dulal Bora, Koinadhara Tiniali, H/No.118, Khanapara, Guwahati 781022. A copy of ASPC's written statement dated 17.8.2019 is enclosed.
  - 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
  - 4. Office File.
  - 5. Order Book.

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