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Case No. : SIC/HLK.15 /2019  
 Appellant : Sri Robijur Rahman Laskar  
 Respondent : The Registrar, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit  
 & Ancient Studies University, Namati, Nalbari  
 Date of hearing : 24.07.2019  
 Second Appeal heard by : Sri Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)  
 State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

24.07.2019

Sri Prabhat Das, Deputy Director for Sanskrit Education, Assam is present along with Sri Prakash Deka, Senior Assistant.

The Petitioner, Sri Robijur Rahman Laskar is present. He submitted that he had not received the information he had sought for through his RTI Application dated 14.02.2018. He was aggrieved too that the Deputy Director for Sanskrit Education, Assam/First Appellate Authority had not disposed of his First Appeal dated 29.01.2019.

Heard the Deputy Director. He submitted that Assam Sanskrit Board to whom the Appellant had applied for information ceased to exist with the setting up of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Namati, Nalbari that in 2017 and work of the Board was handed over through a handing over/taking over note dated 23.01.2018. Soon after, records of the said Board were transferred to the said University. The tabulation books of Sanskrit and Pali examination pertaining to the years 1992-2016 were transferred through a letter dated 12.04.2018. Consequently, the RTI Application was transferred U/S 6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Registrar of the said University through a letter dated 30.03.2019. On receipt of the Commission's notice for hearing another letter was issued to the said Public Authority through a letter dated 23.06.2019. The matter was again taken up before the hearing and a copy of the letter dated 16.07.2019 written by the Registrar to the Petitioner furnishing certain information was obtained and submitted to the Commission today.

Perusal of the said letter from the Registrar, it is seen that of the five queries the information has been furnished on query number 3 and others have been stated as not available.

The Appellant submitted that he had not received the said letter from the Registrar and that he is still interested in the remaining information. The Deputy Director submitted that he has gathered from Dr. Hemendra Sarma, Registrar of the University is himself acting as the SPIO after the retirement of the previous SPIO. He then submitted the details of address, phone number, e-mail ID etc. of the Registrar. The Deputy Director submitted the details in writing.

The Commission observes that the Secretary, Assam Sanskrit Board could possibly furnish the information before all the records were furnished to the new University weeks after receipt of the RTI Application. Further, the Application was transferred to the University by

the Deputy Director, Sanskrit Education, Assam after more than a year of the date of the Application. Thus, there was inordinate delay in transferring the Application to the relevant Public Authority.

The Commission is of the view that the remaining information sought for by the Appellant which relates to the list of candidates with Father's name, address etc. for various examinations during the years 2014-2016 ought to be available with the said University. In view of this, **the Commission hereby orders as follows-**

- (i) **The Registrar, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Namati shall furnish the remaining information to the Appellant, free of cost, within 21 days of receiving this order. This time is being allowed considering that the University is still reported to be in the process of being set up.**
- (ii) **The Registrar as head of the administration of the University shall ensure that an SPIO is designated and duly notified for the information of the public in accordance with Section 5 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. Likewise, he is directed to designate an officer as the FAA U/S 19 (1) of the said Act which could be himself, and display the respective name(s) and designation(s) of the SPIOs and the FAA for the public to see.**

**With the above direction, the Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.**

Sd/-

Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Joint Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd.24.07.2019**

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1. Dr. Hemendra Sarma, Registrar, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit & Ancient Studies University, Namati, Dist.- Nalbari, Assam, Pin- 781 337 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/ office of the Deputy Director, Assam Sanskrit Board, Kahilipara, Guwahati- 19 for information.
3. The SPIO, O/o the Assam Sanskrit Board, Kahilipara, Guwahati- 19 for information.
4. The Appellant, Sri Robijur Rahman Laskar, S/o- Lt. Chandu Mia Laskar, Vill- Narainpur Pt.-II, PO- North Narainpur, PS- Algapur, Dist.- Hailakandi, Pin- 788 801 for information.
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