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Case No. : SIC/DRN.30 /2019  
Appellant : Md. Amir Hussain  
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Child Development Project Officer,  
Sipajhar ICDS Project, Patharighat, Dist.- Darrang, Assam  
Date of hearing : 22.07.2019  
Second Appeal heard by : Sri Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

22.07.2019

Sri Nagendra Baruah, Statistical Assistant as deputed by the CDPO, Sipajhar ICDS Project, Darrang is present. He submitted a Written Statement dated 18.07.2019 from the CDPO.

The Appellant, Md. Amir Hussain is present. He submitted a Written Statement with today's date.

Perused the Written Statement and heard the depute of the CDPO. It has been submitted that the Appellant had been informed through a letter dated 08.04.2019 that the information sought for pertained to birth certificate was not available in the office. The depute submitted that it is not mandatory for the birth certificate to be submitted in respect of children taken into Anganwadi centres.

The Appellant submitted that he had not received the said letter of 08.04.2019 and he did not agree with the submission by the Respondent. He added that the information he wanted was the certificates or documentary evidences of the names, address and house numbers of the guardians of the children belonging to the age group of 6 months to 6 years in Anganwadi centres under Sipajhar ICDS managed by two workers namely, Smti. Purnima Bora Mondal and Smti. Nirupama Deka as reported by them during March, 2018. Furthermore, he submitted that he sought for the information for the reason that he had reason to believe that the lists of children submitted by the Anganwadi workers for the said month was not based on fact and was indeed manipulated. On the direction of the Commission both the parties made a written submission. It was further submitted that as the information relating to the beneficiaries are available to the Anganwadi workers in course of their service to the mothers beginning with their pregnancy, additional certificates are not sought. In his written submission, the Appellant submitted that birth certificates in respect of the children under the care of the Anganwadi workers ought to be available and that the dates of birth of the children are to be available with these workers. He added that dates of birth given by the guardians verbally were not reliable.

Considering the divulgence of views expressed by the parties, and that the suspicion of the Appellant of manipulation of records/reports by Anganwadi workers it is necessary for the CDPO to review the response he had given to the Appellant, ascertain whether the information is indeed available, and provide the same, if available in the Anganwadi centres to the Appellant within 15 days of receipt of this order, free of cost. Should the birth certificates be available with some other Public Authority, the SPIO/CDPO shall furnish the names of the children for the month of 2018 along with their guardians' names to the Appellant within the same timeline i.e. 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and advise him to seek the information on birth certificates from the appropriate authority(ies).

The Second Appeal is hereby disposed of with the above direction.

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

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