

OFFICE OF THE ASSAM INFORMATIONS COMMISSION JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037

Case No : SIC/DHR.49/2018

Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Julfikar Hossain Barbhuyan

Respondent : SPIO, Office of the Inspector of School, Dhubri,

Dist- Dhubri, Assam

Date of non-compliance : 29.8.2019

Complaint/ Second : Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.) Appeal heard by State Information Commissioner, Assam

Date of order : 29.8.2019

ORDER 29.8.2019

Seen the non-compliance petition filed by the petitioner Sri Julfikar Hossain Barbhuyan dated 15th July, 2019. He stated that incomplete and incorrect information was sent to him vide letter dated 11.6.2019, on the following grounds:

- (1) In reply to point No. 1 of the RTI petition, he had furnished land document which is not related to the land where the present school is situated.
- (2) He was called to inspect the documents with regard to point Nos. 2,3,4,6,7 and 8 of his RTI petition on the ground that documents sought for by him was voluminous. But the Principal of Jamadarhat Janata Higher Secondary School had given false statement to cover up his corruption.
- (3) That he had no objection to inspect the documents sought for vide point No. 5 if he was allowed by the Principal of Jamadarhat Janata Higher Secondary School.

On perusal of the RTI petition dated 16.3.2018 it is seen that vide point nos. 2 to 5, the petitioner has sought for certified copy of Bank Passbook of all account of the school, certified copy of cashbook, balance sheet and audit report, certified copy of statement of Mid-day-Meal, rice with food grain amount received/ allotted against the school along with certified copies of class wise attendance register of all students from class VI to X for academic session 2010-11 to 2015-16. He has sought for scheme details of student's uniform of students' of class VI to VII for academic session 2010-11 etc.

On perusal of the reply it is seen that the Principal of Jamadarhat Janata Higher Secondary School has informed the petitioner that the land record has been furnished as sought for vide petition No. 1 of the RTI petition and he had requested the petitioner to inspect the documents in respect of point nos. 2 to 5. As regard point No. 6, 7, 8 and 9 the information sought for by the petitioner has been furnished.

The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 16.3.2018 involves huge volume of information relating to several categories of information for several years. Furnishing of complete information by making photocopies will require compilation of information and substantial cost in making photocopies. This will definitely lead to a huge burden on the manpower and resources of the concerned public authority.

This Commission therefore, directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant office records and documents in the Jamadarhat Janata Higher Secondary School within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of documents during office hour. The petitioner will give atleast 2 days notice to the public authority for inspection of documents.

The Principal of Jamadarhat Janata Higher Secondary School is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant records and documents and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the sought for documents free of cost upto 50 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00/- for every additional page of photocopy. He will keep the documents ready for inspection by the petitioner.

As regards point No.1 the petitioner stated that the documents furnished by the Principal of Jamadarhat Janata Higher Secondary School is not correct. He is requested to submit relevant documents substantiating his claim that the information submitted is not correct within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above direction, the non-compliance petition dated 15.7.2019 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Nilufer Alam Hazarika,IAS (Retd.)) State Information Commissioners, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/DHR.49/2018

Dated. 30.8.2019

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- 1. The SPIO of the office of the Inspector of Schools, Dhubri, Dist- Dhubri, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority, Inspector of Schools, DDC, Dhubri, Dist- Dhubri, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 3. The Principal of Jamdarghat Janata Higher School, Dist- Dhubri for information.
- 4. The Petitioner, Sri Premananda Talukdar, Vill- Bordoloni Tiniali, P.O- Bordoloni, Dist- Dhemaji, PIN-787026, Assam for information
- 5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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