



**OFFICE OF THE
ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
JONAKKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037**

Case No : NGN.390/2018
Complainant/ Appellant : Md. Abdul Jalil Akand
Respondent : SPIO of the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar
Date of hearing : 29.8.2019
Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das. IAS (Retd)
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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29.8.2019

1. The appellant Md Abdul Jalil Akand is absent. He sent a written prayer dated 29.8.2019 stating that due to bad health he is unable to attend today's hearing. He mentioned in his prayer that he has not yet received the sought for informations. He prayed for receipt of the sought for informations together with penal action against the concerned SPIO for delay in furnishing the informations.
2. The public authority, i.e. Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division is also absent. But, he sent an e-mail dated 28.8.2019 enclosing a copy of letter dated 18.2.2019 addressed to the petitioner Md Abdul Jalil Akand furnishing the sought for informations in respect of point numbers 1 and 2 of the petitioner's RTI petition dated 9.7.2018. Copy of letter dated 18.2.2019 be enclosed with this order for the appellant.
3. However, response against point number 3 of the RTI petition relating to the water bodies under the Cachar Forest Division does not appear to have been furnished by the SPIO in his letter dated 18.2.2019. Therefore, he is directed to furnish the informations relating to water bodies under Cachar Forest Division to the petitioner within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order.
4. The SPIO prayed for condonation of his absence in today's hearing due to pre-occupation with NRC works for publication of final list scheduled for 31.8.2019. His prayer is granted. In the instant case, the SPIO appears to have delayed prescribed time limit for furnishing of informations by nearly five months. However, he cited pre-occupation with NRC works as ground for delay. He is further directed to be more careful and diligent in dealing with RTI matter in future.
5. With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 10.10.2018 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

Chief Information Commissioners, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Registrar i/c

Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ NGN.390/2018

Dated. 29.8.2019

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division, Silchar, Cachar, PIN-788001, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. The Petitioner, Md. Abdul Jalil Akand, Islampatty, Seujnagar, P.O-Hoiborgaon, Pin-782002, Dist- Nagaon, Assam for information. (A copy of SPIO's letter dated 18.2.2019 is enclosed)
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File
5. Order Book

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