



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

Case No Complainant/ Appellant Respondent

Date of hearing Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by Date of order SIC/DMJ.17/2019
Sri Nila Kanta Daflari
The SPIO, Office of the Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Dist- Dhemaji, PIN-787057, Assam
1.8.2019
Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.) State Information Commissioner, Assam
17.8.2019

## O R D E R 17.8.2019

The petitioner Sri Nil Kanta Daflari is present. The public authority to be represented by the SPIO, office of the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Dhemaji is absent. The Assistant Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs has informed vide W.T. message dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 that the information sought for have been furnished to the petitioner on 13.3.2019. He has enclosed a copy of the letter addressed to the petitioner Sri Nil Kanta Daflari dated 13.3.2019

- (a) Consumers list of agent Sri Udiram Mili, Baidya Taye and Lakhyaram Mili is available in their office and he was advised to collect the same from the office through Pen drive or payment of the cost of Xerox copy.
- (b) Record is not available in office and hence asked to contact the concerned agent directly.

The petitioner stated that he was not satisfied with the information furnished by the Assistant Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs vide letter dated 13.3.2019 and as such had filed his second appeal petition. The petitioner stated that he had received the information sought for vide point no. 1, but as regard point no. 2 he submitted that the agents were not public authorities and hence they would not furnish the information sought for by him. He therefore requested the Assistant Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs to obtain the documents from the concerned agents and furnish the same to the petitioner as they were their controlling authority.

The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dated 22.2.2019 involves a huge volume of information relating to dissolution of rice & atta and relevant records like lifting book, stock book, sale registrar etc. for the year January, 2016 to June, 2016 and from September 2018 till the date of filing of RTI petition, which are available with the agents under the administrative control of the Assistant Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs. Furnishing of complete information by collection the same from the agencies and will require compilation of information and substantial cost in making photocopies. This will definitely lead to huge loads on the manpower and resources of the concerned public authority.

The Commission therefore directs the petitioner to visit the office of the Assistant Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs for inspection of documents in respect of point no. 2 of his RTI petition 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 Commission also directs, the Assistant Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs to collect the documents from the respective agents and allow the petitioner to take photocopies of the sought for documents on payment of 2.00 for every page of photocopy.

With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 26.4.2019 is disposed of.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Joint Registrar Assam Information Commission

## Memo No. SIC/DMJ.17/2019

Dated. 17.8.2019

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Office of the Food, Civil, Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Dist- Dhemaji, PIN-787057, Assam for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority, Office of Deputy Commissioner, Dist- Dhemaji, PIN-787057, Assam for information and necessary action
- 3. The Petitioner, Sri Nil Kanta Daflari, No.1 Gheyari, P.O- Jiadhal Chariali, Dist-Dhemaji, PIN-787057, Assam for information
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the website.
- 5. Office File
- 6. Order Book

Joint Registrar Assam Information commission