



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

Case No : SIC/BNG.6/2019
 Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Rajib Ahmed.
 Respondent : The SPIO, Office of the BDO, Boitamari Development Block
 P.O- Boitamari, Dist- Bongaigaon, Assam, Pin-783389.
 Date of hearing : 16.7.2019
 Complaint/ Second : Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)
 Appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam
 Date of order : 16.7.2019

O R D E R
16.7.2019

The petitioner Rajiv Ahmed has sent a email that he will not be able to attend today's hearing as he is suffering, from viral fever and has requested to fix another date for hearing. The public authority is represented Sri Binod Bhattacharya, SPIO and E.O (Fishery), Boitamari Development Block.

The First Appellate Authority and BDO Boitamari Development Block has submitted a written statement dated 8.7.2019 that Sri Rajib Ahmed submitted two numbers of RTI petition seeking for information. One of his petition was related to Gaon Panchayat which was transferred to all thirteen Gaon Panchayats' Secretaries under Boitamari Development Block vide letter dated 11.10.2018. In response to his other petition, seeking for information on Anachaylik Panchayat, the petitioner was asked to deposit an amount of Rs. 2000.00 only to SPIO of Boitamari Development Block vide letter dated 11.10.2018 as photocopy charge of documents sought for, but no response was received from the petitioner. The petitioner submitted an appeal petition dated 8.11.2018 and hearing date was fixed on 12.11.2018 but the petitioner remained absent on the date of hearing. On 1.2.2019, he submitted another letter mentioning his inability to be present for hearing.

On perusal of letter dated 11.10.2018 directing the petitioner to deposit an amount of Rs. 2000.00, it is seen that the BDO had mentioned that the amount to be deposited was as a tentative one and the balance amount will be adjusted at the time of delivery of the documents. The Commission observes that the SPIO office of the Boitamari Development Block should have calculated the actual number of documents to be photocopied and informed the petitioner of the actual charge. It is however seen that the petitioner did not approach the public authority on receipt of the letter dated 11.10.2018. The Commission therefore, directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant office records and documents in the office of the SPIO Boitamari Development Block within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of documents during office hours. The petitioner will give at least 2 days notice to the public authority for inspection of documents. The SPIO of the Boitamari Development Block is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant

documents and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the sought for documents free of cost upto 20 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00 for every additional page of photocopy.

The Commission also directs the Secretaries of all the thirteen Gaon Panchayats to furnish the information sought for by the petitioner within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order. If for any reason they are unable to furnish the information, they will inform the Commission the reason thereof within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order.

With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 25.11.2019 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/BNG.6/2019

Dated. 16.7.2019

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, Office of the BDO, Boitamari Development Block, P.O- Boitamari, Dist- Bongaigaon, Assam, Pin-783389 for information and necessary action. You are also requested to serve a copy of this order to the all the Secretaries of 13 Gaon Panchayat (Copy enclosed).
2. The First Appellate Authority, Office of the BDO, Boitamari Development Block, P.O- Boitamari, Dist- Bongaigaon, Assam, Pin-78339 for information and necessary action.
3. The Secretary of Boitamari Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
4. The Secretary of South Boitamari Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
5. The Secretary of Dhontola Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
6. The Secretary of Oudubi Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
7. The Secretary of Pub Majeralga Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
8. The Secretary of Pachim Majeralga Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
9. The Secretary of Balapara Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
10. The Secretary of Chalantapra Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
11. The Secretary of Kabaitary Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
12. The Secretary of Jogighopa Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.

13. The Secretary of Ghilaguri Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
14. The Secretary of Sankarghola Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
15. The Secretary of Khagarpur Gaon Panchayat, Dist- Bongaigaon for information and necessary action.
16. The Petitioner Sri Rajib Ahmed, President, Tapattari Social Development. Organization, R/O- Abhayapuri Town, W/No-IV(Nayapara), P.O & P.S- Abhayapuri, Dist- Bongaigaon Assam for information.
17. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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