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Case No. : SIC/NGN.365 /2018
 Appellant : Md. Abdul Jalil Akanda
 Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Tezpur Soil Conservation Division, Dist.-
 Sonitpur, Pin- 784 001
 Date of hearing : 19.09.2019
 Second Appeal heard by : Sri Pinuel Basumatary, IA & AS (Retd.)
 State Information Commissioner, Assam

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19.09.2019

Sri Khanindra Das, Range Officer-cum-SPIO is present.

The Appellant has sent a written apology with today's date and a request to provide access to the information he had sought for.

Perused the case record and heard the SPIO. The RTI Application dated 29.06.2018 was received by the SPIO's office on the following date and on 13.07.2018 the Petitioner was provided with the information on point number 2 and as regards point number 1 the Petitioner was requested to deposit an amount of Rs. 3500/- in respect of copies of 70 estimates @ Rs. 50 per estimate. The petitioner responded through his letter dated 20.07.2018 by stating that the SPIO had not given him the "Full Estimates" as required by the RTI Act, 2005. A further detailed estimate was provided to the Petitioner through a letter dated 03.08.2018. Thereafter, he submitted a First Appeal dated 03.09.2018 stating that in the request for cost of number of pages of documents had not been indicated. He submitted a Second Appeal dated 24.09.2018 which was before the Second Appeal was due. The Petitioner was informed of the Second Appeal being pre-mature and was requested to inform the Commission as to whether the First Appeal had been disposed of by the First Appellate Authority. The Appellant responded by stating that the First Appeal had not been disposed of.

In his deposition, the SPIO submitted that the cost communicated to the Appellant was a rough estimate and therefore it was approximate, and that since the same was communicated to the Petitioner within the stipulated time it was the responsibility of the Petitioner to pay the said cost.

Considering the facts of the case brought up before it, particularly the cost aspect, **the Commission hereby directs the SPIO to take necessary action within 15 days of receipt of this order to furnish the information or to allow the Appellant to inspect the relevant documents and take notes etc., and provide authenticated copies of relevant documents free of cost.**

In view of the above, **the Second Appeal is hereby disposed of.**

Sd/-

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

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2. The First Appellate Authority/office of the Tezpur Soil Conservation Division, Dist.- Sonitpur, Pin- 784 001 for information.
3. The Appellant, Md. Abdul Jalil Akanda, S/o- Lt. Abdul Khalek Akand, Vill- Islampatty Seujnagar, PO- Hoiborgaon, Pin- 782 002, Dist.- Nagaon, Assam for information.
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