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Case No. : SIC/NGN.367 /2018
 Appellant : Md. Abdul Jalil Akanda
 Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Darrang Soil Conservation Division, Dist.-
 Mangaldai, Assam
 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

The SPIO absent without information. He has not submitted any Written Statement and has not explained as to why penalty U/S 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be imposed on him for his failure to furnish the information sought for within the time stipulated.

According to postal tracking system, the notice for today's hearing was delivered to the SPIO on 28.08.2019.

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. The RTI Application dated 29.06.2018 was received by the SPIO's office on 03.07.2018 and the Petitioner was asked through a letter dated 31.07.2018 to deposit an amount of Rs. 11, 750/- towards cost of photocopying the documents or to visit the office for inspection. The Petitioner responded through his letter dated 30.08.2018 stating that no detailed estimate of the cost has been provided to him in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005. Thereafter, the Petitioner filed First Appeal dated 30.08.2018 and then Second Appeal dated 24.09.2018. The Commission informed the Petitioner that the Second Appeal was premature and requested him to inform the Commission as to whether the First Appeal was disposed of by the First Appellate Authority. In his response through his letter dated 25.10.2018 the Appellant stated that the First Appeal had not been disposed of.

Considering the facts of the case brought up before it, **the Commission hereby directs the SPIO to allow the Appellant to inspect the relevant documents and take notes etc., and provide upto 25 copies of authenticated documents free of cost and the rest on payment by the Appellant at the prescribed rate. The SPIO shall communicate the date appointed for the inspection within 10 days of receipt of this order.**

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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1. The SPIO, O/o the Darrang Soil Conservation Division, Dist.- Mangaldai, Assam, Pin- 784 125 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/office of the Darrang Soil Conservation Division, Dist.- Mangaldai, Assam, Pin- 784 125 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.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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