



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

Case No : SIC/DHR.58/2018  
 Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Mozammel Khan  
 Respondent : The SPIO, Office of the Block Development Officer,  
 Jamadarhat Dev. Block, Chirakuri, P.O- Chirakuti,  
 Dist- Dhubri  
 Date of hearing : 9.1.2020  
 Complaint/ Second : Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)  
 Appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam  
 Date of order : 9.1.2020

**O R D E R**  
9.1.2020

The petitioner Sri Mozammel Khan is present. The public authority to be represented by the SPIO office of the BDO, Jamadarhat Dev. Block, Dhubri is absent.

The Commission vide letter dated 6.12.2019 directed the BDO, Jamadarhat Development Block to make a written submission within 15 days from the date of receipt of the order as to why penalty shall not be imposed on him under section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for his failure to provide the information to the applicant vide letter dated 22.2.2019 and his unauthorized absence in the hearing dated 6.12.2019.

On perusal of the records, it is seen that the BDO, Jamadarhat Development Block vide letter dated 18.3.2019 provided information sought for by the petitioner. He had also mentioned that if the petitioner was not satisfied with the information furnished, he can consult the BDO, Jamadarhat Development Block. The petitioner filed a complaint petition dated 25.4.2019 that the SPIO of the office of the Jamadarhat Development Block was directed vide order dated 22.2.2019 to furnish the information sought for within 21 days, but the respondent had not furnished any document mentioned in para No. 1 & 2 of the RTI petition and the respondent categorically furnished information only about one staff mentioned in para 3 of the RTI petition and the same was furnished in a paper without official seal which has no value in the eye of law. He also complained that the respondent has also supplied some unnecessary documents which were not mentioned in the RTI petition.

On query whether the petitioner had visit the office of the BDO, Jamadarhat Development Block, as he was not satisfied with the information furnished, the petitioner stated that he was not aware of the location of the office of the BDO, Jamadarhat and had not approached the office as mentioned in letter dated 18.3.2019 and had filed a complaint petition.

The Commission observes that the petitioner had not approached the office of the, BDO Jamadarhat Development Block for consultation. If he was not satisfied with the information furnished he should have visited the office of the BDO. It is also seen that the information sought for by the petitioner vide RTI petition dated 13.4.2018 involves a huge volume of information for several years, i.e. 2013-14 till the date of his RTI petition dated 13.4.2018. Furnishing of complete information by making photocopies will require compilation of information and substantial cost in making photocopy. This will definitely lead to huge burden on man power and resources of the concerned public authority.

The Commission therefore directs the petitioner to inspect relevant documents in the office of the BDO, Jamadarhat Dev. Block within 27 days from the date of receipt of this order

and complete inspection of documents during office hours. The petitioner shall give atleast 2 days notice to the public authority for inspection of documents. The BDO, Jamadarhat Dev. Block is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the documents and records as above and allow him to take photocopies of the sought for documents free of costs upto 50 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2.00/- for every additional page of photocopy.

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

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Sd/-  
Joint Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

**Memo No. SIC/DHR.58/2018**

**Dated. 9.1.2020**

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, Office of the Block Development Officer, Jamadarhat Dev Block at Chirakuri, P.O.- Chirakuti, Dist- Dhubri (Assam) for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority, The Project Director, D.R.DA. Dhubri (Assam) for information and necessary action
3. The Petitioner, Sri Mozammel Khan, S/O- Ear Uddin Khan, Vill- Kulamuya Choto Nichinpur, P.O- Medortary, Dist- Dhubri, Pin-783330 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the website.
5. Office File
6. Order Book

  
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