

Case No. : SIC/SBR. 7/2018
Appellant : Sri Ranjan Kalita
Respondent : The SPIO, Office of the Mission Director, NRHM, Saikia
Complex, Guwahati - 781005
Date of hearing : 30-7-2019
Second Appeal heard by : Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS(Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER
30-7-2019

Seen the complaint petition filed by Sri Ranjan Kalita dt. 16-3-2019 stating that on receipt of order of the Commission dt. 17-11-2018, he had submitted original documents and application form of “ATAL, AMRIT ABHIYAN” along with twenty five (25) pages of documents before the Joint Director of Health Services cum Member Secretary, District Health Society, Sivsagar within stipulated period of one week. But even after two months no positive response or any correspondence from the NRHM, Mission Director had been received. He therefore requested the Commission for redressal of his grievance at the earliest.

In pursuance of the Commission’s order dt. 17-11-2018 the Executive Director, National Health Mission has informed the Commission vide letter dt. 6-4-2019 that the matter of non-consideration of application of the petitioner Sri Ranjan Kalita for grant of financial assistance against medical treatment cost under Atal Amrit Avhiyan Scheme was enquired by Sri A.K. Chetia, Special Consultant, NHM. He has enclosed a copy of the enquiry report submitted by the officer vide letter dt. 26-3-2019. As per enquiry report the allegation of unfair rejection of the petitioner’s application was not established. Non-consideration of the application at that time was due to non-submission of relevant document as required including original hospital and other bills, duly certified by treating doctor or hospital. He has pointed out that even after opportunity was given by the Commission, the petitioner has failed to re-submit the application with relevant document as required which goes to show that he never had the document and therefore could not submit the same then and even now.

As per report of the Enquiry Officer, Sri Chetia dt. 26302919, it is seen that at the time of enquiry the Joint Direct of Health Services cum Member Secretary had re-submitted the manual application of Sri Ranjan Kalita under AAAS along with attested photocopies of document such as voter ID card, discharge slip, income certificate, Gaonbura’s certificate and 12 nos. of original pharmacy cash memos not certified by

treating doctor or hospital and 2 nos. of original money receipt of Rabindra Nath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences, Kolkata which were also not supported by any relevant bills of the hospital making a claim of Rs. 10,000.00/-. The letter of Joint Director, Health Services dt. 21-1-2019 had also been enclosed. The same documents which were submitted by the petitioner earlier for reimbursement of medical cost under AAAS, but rejected by the authority as not being admissible was returned to the petitioner and now re-submitted as stated above. The Enquiry Officer stated that the petitioner had no genuine claim or case and rejection of his earlier application seeking for financial assistance under AAAS was not unjust and improper.

In view of the circumstance stated above and perusal of all relevant documents submitted by the Executive Director, NHM, the Commission observes that the petitioner's claim for financial assistance under AAAS was rejected as the documents submitted were not as per norms of the Scheme. The Commission is satisfied and accepts the report submitted by the Executive Direct, NHM.

The complaint petition of Sri Ranjan Kalita dt. 16-3-2019 is found to be without any merit and hence rejected.

Sd/-

(Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS(Retd.)
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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3. The Petitioner, Sri Ranjan Kalita, Bareghar Satra, P.O. Mezenga, P.S. Nazira, Dist. Sivasagar, Pin - 785685, Assam for information.
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