



**OFFICE OF THE  
ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION  
JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781 037**

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).33/2020  
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Hara Kanta Bora.  
Respondent : SPIO of the BDO, Pakhimoria Dev. Block.  
Date of hearing : 27.10.2020  
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout, IPS (Retd.)  
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
27.10.2020

1. The petitioner Sri Hara Kanta Bora is present. The petitioner Sri Hara Kanta Bora has submitted RTI petition dated 26.10.2019 to the SPIO cum BDO Pakhimoria Development Block, Nagaon. In the typed application where as many as sixteen questions were asked on the road from Chakari M.B. School to the House of Biren Bora during the period 2016-17.
2. It is interesting to note that the appellant has submitted identical type application dated 30.10.2019 vide Case No SIC/KP(M)32/2020 seeking information on same sixteen questions on the road from Chakari gaon M.B. School to Komarbat path for the year 2017-18 and submitted another RTI petition on 28.10.2019 vide case No SIC/KP(M)31/2020 seeking same sixteen numbers of questions on the road from Chakari gaon National Highway No.37 to Shiv Thaan Rail Path for the year 2011-12.
3. All the applications are of identical type with same set of questions, only the road names are changed and the petitioner has put his signature.
4. In pursuance to the RTI application dated 26.10.2019, the SPIO of Pakhimoria Dev. Block vide his letter dated 13.11.2019 asked him to deposit the cost of photocopies i.e. Rs. 500. The applicant in reply to that, submitted another typed application which is also similar to the other two cases i.e. SIC/KP(M)32/2020 and SIC/KP(M)31/2020 seeking various clarifications on deposit of cost.
5. After that the petitioner filed first appeal petition dated 27.11.2019 before the First Appellate Authority and First Appellate Authority forwarded to the SPIO for taking necessary action. After that the petitioner filed second appeal petition before the Commission on 11.1.2020.
6. From the above it is seen that the petitioner is in habit of making frequent typed similar petitions and not effectively pursuing the matter and depositing cost when asked to deposit the cost.
7. The SPIO of the Office of the BDO Pakhimoria Dev. Block Sri Bijoy Kr. Sarma, Assistant Engineer is present and intimated the Commission that the information is ready and can be given to the petitioner. But he is silent on the cost of the photocopies for which he has already communicated to the petitioner.
8. On questioning by the Commission, the SPIO of Pakhimoria Dev. Block stated that the cost of photocopy is not required which is an irresponsible reply on the part of the SPIO of Pakhimoria Dev. Block. If the cost is not required, he should not have asked for it and should have furnished the information when the RTI petition dated 26.10.2019 was submitted before him.

9. From the above, it is seen that the SPIO is not serious about the RTI application and the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and at the same time the petitioner wants to take liberty of the provision of the Act but not taking similar interest in deposit of cost.

10. In light of the above, the Commission directs the SPIO of Pakhimoria Dev. Block to intimate the exact cost of the photocopies to the petitioner and mode of deposit (cash payment/ treasury challan/ IPO etc.) so that the appellant can deposit the amount and only after deposit of the amount, the information will be given to him.

11. With the above direction, the second appeal petition dated 11.1.2020 is disposed off.

Sd/-  
(Dr. A.P. Rout)

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-  
Registrar i/c  
Assam Information Commission

**Memo No. SIC/ KP(M)33/2020**

**Dtd. 27.10.2020**

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the Office of the BDO, Pakhimoria Dev. Block, Dist- Nagaon, PIN-782001 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority, Office of the BDO, Pakhimoria Dev. Block, Dist- Nagaon, PIN-782001 for information.
3. The Petitioner, Sri Hara Kanta Bora, Lokabondhu Nagar, House No-147, Kahilipara, Ghy-19 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading the order in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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