



## ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Case No. : SIC/ KP(M)273/2020 Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Harinarayan Pathak

Respondent : SPIO of Office of Department of Personnel

(Personnel::A), Assam Secretariat (Civil) Dispur,

Guwahati-781006

Date of Hearing : 14-12-2020

Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout, IPS(Retd)

Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## O R D E R

1. The petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak is absent.

- 2. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Dharani Dhar Das, Under Secy. to the Govt. of Assam & SPIO, Personnel (A) Department. The SPIO has submitted a written statement dated 10.12.2020 stating that information relating to Query No. 1 to 3 is not available in their department. However, it is mentioned that they have to collect the information on Query No. 4 to 6 of the petitioner from the concerned section.
- 3. In the meantime the hearing of 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority is fixed on 8.12.2020 at 11:30 A.M.
- 4. The Commission therefore directs the SPIO to submit the necessary information relating to Query No. 4 to 6 to the petitioner as soon as possible.
- 5. On perusal of the sequence of events, RTI application was received on 4.1.2020 and as per Section 7(1) only 30 days is available to the SPIO i.e., upto 4.2.2020 and even to the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority one more month i.e., upto 4.3.2020 is available. Lockdown was declared in the last week of March 2020 so there is no valid reason as claimed by the SPIO that the pandemic induced lockdown has created the problem of disposal of the cases.
- 6. The SPIO is directed to take RTI matter seriously and dispose the case within stipulated time.
- 7. In light of the above, the instant 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal petition dated 13.7.2020 is disposed off.

Sd/-Dr. A.P.Rout

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## Copy to:

- 1. Sri Dharani Dhar Das, SPIO of Personnel (A) Department, Assam Secretariat (Civil) Dispur, Guwahati-781006 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Úzanbazar, Ghy-781001 for information
- 3. Computer section for uploading in the website
- 4. Office File
- 5. Order Book

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Dated: 14-12-2020