



## OFFICE OF THE ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037

Case No. : SIC/OS.11/2019 Complainant/ appellant : Sri Venkatesh Nayak

Respondent : SPIO, O/o the State Coordinator National Registrar of

Citizens Achyut Plaza, Bhangagarh.

Date of hearing : 30.12.2020

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

Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER 30.12.2020

- The petitioner Sri Venkatesh Nayak is absent. The public authority i.e. the SPIO, O/o the State Coordinator, National Registrar of Citizens Smti Chandana Mahanta, ACS Joint Secretary of Home & Political Department & Executive Director of NRC is present.
- On perusal of the case records, it is seen that petitioner has filed his RTI
  petition dated 17.12.2018 before the PIO, O/o the Registrar General and Census
  Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, seeking following
  information:
  - (i) The total number of hard copies of Draft NRC printed till 17.12.2018;
  - (ii) The name and address of the authority or office that holds every hard copy of the Draft NRC in material form;
  - (iii) The total number of electronic copies of the Draft NRC generated till 17.12.2018
  - (iv) The name and address of the authority or office that holds every electronic copy of Draft NRC in material form;
  - (v) The reasons for not publishing the complete Draft NRC online; and
  - (vi) A clear photocopy of all file notings relating to the information specified at para #5 above.

However the RTI was transferred to SPIO, O/o the State Coordinator, NRC, Guwahati vide letter dated 20.12.2018.

- 3. The SPIO, O/o the State Coordinator, Guwahati vide letter No. SPMU/NRC/RTI/614/2019/4 dated 9.1.2019 furnished the information to the petitioner Sri Venkatesh Nayak.
- 4. Being not satisfied with the reply of the SPIO, the appellant filed his first appeal petition dated 12.2.2019 before the First Appellate Authority, O/o the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India which was subsequently transferred to the First Appellate Authority, O/o State Coordinator NRC, Guwahati. The State Coordinator & First Appellate Authority NRC, Assam vide order dated 2.4.2019 quoted the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and also issued the following instruction:-

- (I) Draft is published village/town/ward wise @ 3 per NSK per village and @1 per Gaon Panchayat/ Village Council Development Committee/Development Block/Deputy Commissioner Office.
- (II) Local Registrar of Citizens Registration at NSK & ADC I/c NRC at district level.
- (III) @ 1 per village
- (IV) Local Registrar of Citizens Registration (LRCR)
- (V) No such information on record
- (VI) Does not arise as answer to Question No. 5 is no such information on record.
- 5. It is not known whether the above order was received by the appellant on time but the applicant Sri Venkatesh Nayak has filed second appeal petition dated 14.5.2019 before the Central Information Commissioner, New Delhi. After this the Central Information Commission forwarded the same vide letter dated 17.5.2019 to the Secretary, Assam Information Commission for disposal.
- 6. Accordingly the date of hearing was fixed today and the SPIO, O/o the State Coordinator NRC is present. The appellant is absent and no reason of his absence is intimated to the Commission.
- 7. After going through the order of First Appellate Authority, the Commission agrees with the order of the First Appellate Authority to furnish certain information and non furnishing of certain information due to the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- 8. The SPIO mentioned that a copy of First Appellate Authority's order has already been furnished to the petitioner.
- 9. In light of the above, the second appeal petition dated 14.5.2019 is disposed off.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Joint Registrar i/c Assam Information Commission Memo No. SIC/ OS.11/2019

Dtd. 30.12.2020

## Copy to:

- 1. Sri Chandana Mahanta, SPIO, O/o the State Coordinator National Registrar of Citizens Achyut Plaza, Bhangagarh, Guwahati-05 for information.
- 2. First Appellate Authority, O/o State Coordinator National Registrar of Citizens Achyut Plaza Bhangagarh, Guwahati-05 for information.
- 3. The Petitioner, Sri Venkatesh Nayak, 55A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Siddharth Chamber-01 Kalu Sarai New Delhi-110016, Assam for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.

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