



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

Case No. : SIC/KP (M).176/2020
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO, Directorate of Social Welfare.
Date of hearing : 04.01.2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout, IPS (Retd.)
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
04.01.2021

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority i.e. the SPIO of the Directorate of Social Welfare is represented by SPIO, Sri Madhu Sudan Nath, ACS & Addl. Director of Social Welfare accompanied by Sri Deben Bhuyan, Deputy Director of the Directorate. The SPIO of Directorate of Agriculture Social Welfare has submitted a written statement dated 29.12.2020 which is entered into the case records.
2. In the written statement, vide Point No.5 it is mentioned that the then Dealing Assistant Md. Khasnur Ali delayed in putting up the file before the First Appellate Authority of Directorate of Social Welfare, so the first appeal petition could not be heard. Though the Dealing Assistant Md. Khasnur Ali deserves departmental action as per provision of Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commission takes a lenient view on him due to his retirement, on 31.12.2020. However, coming to the questions of the RTI application, the SPIO prayed for one month more time to comply and furnish the information. Though as per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 the total time available to the SPIO is one month only, here in this case, more than one month time is available with the SPIO from the date of notice issued from the Commission (i.e.17.11.2020) till the date of hearing (i.e. 4.1.2021) and the information has not been furnished to the petitioner. However, taking a lenient view, the present SPIO is directed to furnish the information to the petitioner within one month with intimation to the Registry of this Commission.
3. With the above order, the second appeal petition is disposed off.

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

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Joint Registrar i/c
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 4.1.2021

Copy to:

1. Sri Madhu Sudan Nath, ACS, Addl. Director & SPIO of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-01 for information and necessary action.
2. The Petitioner, Sri Joydeb Das, H.No-16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Ghy-25 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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