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Case No. : SIC/KP(M)352/2020  
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Rohit Nayan Baruah  
Respondent : SPIO of the Office of Assam Science &  
Technological University, Tetelia Road, Jalukbari,  
Guwahati  
Date of Hearing : 3-2-2021  
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout, IPS(Retd)  
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**3-2-2021**

1. The petitioner Shri Rohit Nayan Baruah is present.
2. The Public Authority to be represented by SPIO of the Office of ASTU is absent. However, the SPIO has deputed Shri Chandan Bhattacharya, Assistant Accountant along with one legal advisor to attend the hearing.
3. As per protocol of the Commission, only SPIO or Gazetted Officer is allowed to attend the hearing. Hence the Assistant Accountant was not allowed, instead his legal advisor Shri Hari Prasad Nepal was allowed.
4. The petitioner vide his petition dated 3/8/2020 sought information on 11 points out of which SPIO of ASTU furnished the reply relating to query no.1 in his letter vide no.ASTU/General/RTI/362/9124 dated 8/9/2020 to the petitioner.
5. The First Appellate Authority in his letter vide no. ASTU/VC/First-Appellate-Authority/RTI/-(Spl)/2020/16/10471 dated 10/11/2020 furnished reply to query no. 4,5,6,9 and 10.
6. The SPIO in his letter dated 8/9/2020 mentioned that replies relating to query no. 2,3,7,8 are barred U/S 8 of the RTI Act.
7. The First Appellate Authority in its order vide no. ASTU/VC/First-Appellate-Authority/RTI/-(Spl.)/2020/16/0465 dated 9/11/2020 mentioned that reply to query no.2 has been potential to infringe on the privacy of the candidates. The reply to query no. 3 was not given as the question was not clear. The First AA also agreed with the reply of the SPIO on question no.7. There is nothing mentioned about query no. 8.
8. After going through the report furnished by the SPIO and order of the First Appellate Authority and the inherent aim of the RTI Act, 2005 i.e., maximum submission with reasonable exemption, **the Commission directs the SPIO to furnish the name and address of the candidates who have applied for the post of FAO, ASTU in 2013** as they have all applied for the post, so furnishing the names and address is not going to infringe on the privacy of the candidates.
9. Since it is a selection process where certificates are openly considered by the selection committee members, the work experience of Shri Debajyoti Goswami does not fall under exemption vide Section 8 of the RTI Act and copy of the same if furnished during the selection process, or with the application for the post to be furnished to the petitioner.
10. As regard to query no.7 and 8, the Commission agrees with the SPIO in not disclosing them U/S 8 of the RTI Act.

11. In view of the above, the instant 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal petition dated 10/12/2020 is disposed off.

Sd/-  
Dr. A.P.Rout

Authenticated true copy.

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Joint Registrar i/c  
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M)352/2020

Dated: 3-2-2021

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the Office of Assam Science & Technological University, Tetelia Road, near Assam Engineering College, Jalukbari, Guwahati for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. Shri Rohit Nayan Baruah, petitioner, House No.32, "Kalyan Jyoti" South Sarania, Ulubari, Guwahati for information.
3. Computer section for uploading in the website
4. Office File
5. Order Book

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