



## ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Case No.	: SIC/DRN.5 /2020
Appellant	: Md. Amir Hussain
Respondent	: The SPIO, O/o the Block Elementary Education Officer, Darrang
Date of hearing	: 14.12.2020
Second Appeal heard by	<ul> <li>Sri Kanak Ch. Sarma</li> <li>State Information Commissioner, Assam</li> <li><u>O R D E R</u> 14.12.2020</li> </ul>

The appellant Md. Amir Hussain is present.

Smti. Geeta Devi, i/c BEEO and SPIO, Sipajhar Development Block is present along with Sri Prahlad Deka, Headmaster, Hussain Chuburi ME School, Darrang.

The SPIO submits one written statement vide letter no. SB/F/23/1499 dated 11.12.2020.

Seen the case record. The appellant submitted one RTI petition dated 06.09.2019 under the provision of RTI Act, 2005 before the SPIO, o/o the BEEO, Sipajhar Dev. Block seeking certain informations. The RTI petition was transferred to the Headmaster of Hussain Chuburi ME School through letter no. SB/F/23/2019/3801-02 dated 16.09.2019. On receipt of the said application the Headmaster of the said school submitted one estimate for photocopying and DTP of the sought for informations amounting to Rs. 7986/- and submitted to the DEEO, Darrang, Mangaldai and the appellant. Not satisfied with the amount sought for photocopying of the informations he submitted 1<sup>st</sup> appeal petition dated 11.10.2019 to the DEEO, Darrang. A hearing for 1<sup>st</sup> appeal was arranged by the DEEO, Darrang. It was decided that the Headmaster of the said school will submit detailed budget of expenditure to the petitioner within 7 days. The petitioner is said to be satisfied with this decision. The Headmaster submits orally that he submitted afresh estimate for photocopying of the sought for informations to the appellant within 7 days of receipt of the order of the FAA.

The appellant submits orally that he is not at all satisfied with the estimate submitted by the Headmaster of the school as he feels that the estimate was inflated. Thus, he preferred  $2^{nd}$  appeal before the Commission which was received on 03.12.2019.

It is observed that the contention of the appellant is about the estimated cost of photocopying of informations. The Headmaster of the said school is willing to furnish the informations to the appellant if the required money is deposited by the appellant.

Seen the application dated 06.09.2019. The applicant desired to have informations in respect of students who receive minority scholarships for the period of 2009-2016 of the said school and also seeking informations on four other points. It appears that the informations

sought for is of large number and obviously the cost of photocopying will also be of several thousands which the appellant is not willing to pay as he considered it to be inflated.

In view of the above, the appellant is directed to inspect the records of sought for informations during any working day on a mutually convenient date and take photocopies of the required informations. The Headmaster, Hussain Chuburi ME School will invite the appellant for inspection of the required informations. He will facilitate the appellant for inspection of the records. The BEEO, Sipajhar being the controlling officer will ensure that the Headmaster extend all necessary facilities to the appellant for inspection and taking copy of informations of his own cost.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal petition dated 16.11.2019 is disposed of.

Sd/-

Kanak Ch. Sarma State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam Information Commission

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## Dtd.14.12.2020

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- 2. The SPIO, O/o the Block Elementary Education Officer, Sipajhar Education Block, Darrang, Dist.- Darrang, Assam, Pin- 784 145 for information and necessary action.
- 3. First Appellate Authority/office of the Dist, Elementary Education Officer, Darrang, Dist.- Darrang, Assam, Pin- 784 125 for information.
- 4. The Appellant, Md. Amir Hussain, S/o- Lt. Asaruddin Ahmed, Vill & PO-Santipukhuri, PS- Sipajhar, Dist.- Darrang, Assam, Pin- 784 144 for information.
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