



## ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Case No.	: SIC/KMJ.19/2019
Appellant	: Sri Purnendu Shekhar Debnath
Respondent	: The SPIO, O/o the Bhikam Chand Balika Bidyaniketan H.S. School, Karimganj, Assam
Date of hearing	: 04.01.2021
Second Appeal heard by	: Sri Kanak Ch. Sarma State Information Commissioner, Assam
	<u>O R D E R</u>

04.01.2021

The appellant Sri Purnendu Shekhar Debnath is present.

Smti. Keya Dasgupta, C.T. cum Academic i/c, Bhikam Chand Balika Vidyaniketan H.S. School, Karimganj is present. She has submitted one letter no. NIL dated 04.01.2021 requesting to delete her name as SPIO from the respondent's side. She submits orally that she is neither the SPIO of the school nor the Principal. She also informs that there is no notification designating someone as SPIO as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority in the school. Further, she informs that the Inspector of Schools, Karimganj District Circle is the i/c Principal of the school. She has been replying to the petition of Sri Purnendu Shekhar Debnath on the basis of one letter no. K-IS/RTI/Pt.III/2017/654 dated 04.05.2019 whereby she was directed by the Inspector of Schools, KDC to reply to the petition.

Seen the RTI application dated 22.04.2019. The appellant sought certain informations regarding payment of salary of Sri Asit Baran Paul, the then Principal of the school. Although Smti. Keya Dasgupta has given reply to the appellant stating that the sought for informations are exempted under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, but it is observed that the custodian of the sought for informations is the i/c Principal and Inspector of Schools, Karimganj District Circle as he is the DDO of the school. It is also observed that the Academic i/c is not the custodian of the sought for informations and as such she is not in a position to reply the RTI petition. The Commission therefore orders that the Principal of Bhikam Chand Balika Vidyaniketan H.S. School, Karimganj will issue notification designating one SPIO and one 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority for the school forthwith. The designated SPIO will take necessary action as per provision of RTI Act, 2005. He/she will interpret properly if the informations sought for fall under exempted category as claimed earlier by the academic i/c of the school.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-( Kanak Ch. Sarma) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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## Memo No. SIC/KMJ.19/2019

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- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Bhikam Chand Balika Bidyaniketan H.S. School, PO- Karimganj Bazar, Dist.- Karimganj, Assam, Pin- 788 711 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/office of the Director of Secondary Education, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati- 19 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Sri Purnendu Shekhar Debnath, Roynagar, PO- Karimganj Bazar, Dist.-Karimganj, Assam, Pin- 788 711 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading the order in the Website.
- 5. Office File.

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