

Case No. : SIC/NGN.103/2019
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Durgeswar Das
Respondent : SPIO of the Office of the Head Master, Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School, P.O. & P.S.- Dhing, Dist- Nagaon, PIN-782123.
Date of Hearing : 18-01-2021
Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by : Shri Samudra G. Kashyap.
State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R**18-01-2021**

1. The appellant Sri Durgeswar Das is absent. But he has sent a letter to the Commission by e-mail dated 10.01.2021, informing that he has received the information sought for from the Head Master, Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School, Dhing, Dist- Nagaon, PIN-782123, on 09.01.2021, and has requested to drop the case.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Head Master, Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School, P.O. & P.S. Dhing, Dist- Nagaon, PIN-782123, is absent. But the Head Master has sent a mail to the Commission on 10.01.2021, informing that the informations sought for by the appellant Sri Durgeswar Das has been furnished to him on 10.01.2021.
3. From perusal of records it is seen that the appellant Sri Durgeswar Das had submitted his RTI application to the SPIO, O/o the Head Master, Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School, P.O- Dhing, on 24.12.2018, and had submitted his First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority, Office of the Block Elementary Education Officer, Batadrava Education Block, on 31.01.2019. On not getting any response, the appellant submitted an appeal before this Commission on 20.03.2019. While the Commission fixed 18.01.2021 as the date of hearing in the matter and accordingly sent notices to the parties on 17.12.2020, the appellant and the Headmaster of Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School have both separately informed the Commission on 10.01.2021 (i.e, eight days before the date of hearing) that the information has been furnished on 09.01.2021. The letter of the Head Master of Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School, written on plain paper with a seal at the bottom without any official reference number, states that the Head Master could not find time to respond to the RTI application dated 24.12.2018 as he was "busy in various academic related work of the school". The Head Master is reminded that an RTI application is equally important, if not more, as other Government work. The Commission has failed to understand why and how the Head Master found time to respond to the RTI matter only after being served a notice from the Commission.
4. In view of the above, the Head Master, Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School is hereby directed to personally appear before the Commission and provide a set of the documents/informations she has provided to the appellant Shri Durgeswar Das as stated in his letter dated 10.01.2021.

5. In view of the above , fix **11.02.2021** at **1:00 PM** as the next date of hearing.
6. **This order shall constitute notice of hearing.**

Sd/-
(Samudra G. Kashyap)
State Information Commissioner, Assam,
Panjabari,Guwahati.

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/NGN.103/2019

Dated: 18-01-2021

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, O/o the Head Master, Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School, P.O. & P.S.- Dhing, Dist- Nagaon, PIN-782123, for information. He is directed to present his case personally in the next date of hearing.
2. The First Appellate Authority/ O/o the Block Elementary Education Officer, Batadrava, P.O.- Dhing, Dist.-Nagaon, Assam, PIN-782123, for information.
3. The President School Management Committee, Dhing Town Govt. J.B. School,, P.O. & P.S.- Dhing, Dist- Nagaon, PIN-782123, for information.
4. The petitioner, Sri Durgeswar Das, S/o- Late Butram Das, R/O- Christian Patty, P.O.- Nagaon, P.S.- Sadar, Dist- Nagaon, Assam. PIN-782001, for information. He is directed to present his case personally in the next date of hearing.
5. Computer section for uploading in the website
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