



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

Case No. : SIC/LPR.16/2020
Complainant/ appellant : Smti Moniratna Bhuyan
Respondent : SPIO, O/o the Assam Public Service Commission
Date of hearing : 19.02.2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout, IPS (Retd.)
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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19.02.2021

1. The petitioner Smti Moniratna Bhuyan is absent. The public authority i.e. the SPIO of the Office of the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) Smti Champawati Patar, Under Secretary is present.
2. The petitioner Smti Moniratna Bhuyan filed RTI petition dated 15.10.2020 seeking information relating to her evaluated answer sheets and also relating information regarding Assam Civil Services Examination, 2018.
3. In reply to her RTI petition the SPIO directed the petitioner vide letter No. 80PSC/RTI-01/62/2020-2021 dated 28.10.2020 to furnish her admit card. In pursuance to the above mentioned letter the petitioner submitted her admit card and the SPIO has further intimated her vide letter No. 124PSC/RTI-01/62/2020-21 dated 12.11.2020 stating that the examination process is still on and at this stage information cannot be furnished.
4. The petitioner after filing her first appeal petition dated 20.10.2020 submitted her second appeal petition dated 4.11.2020 before the Commission.
5. Accordingly notices were issued to both the parties and hearing was fixed today and the SPIO of APSC has submitted a written statement dated 10.2.2021 which is taken into records. In the written statement the SPIO has quoted the Supreme Court verdict on Review Petition (Civil) Diary No. 24763/2018 in Civil Appeal No. 6159-6162 of 2013, which inter-alia mentions non furnishing of information.
6. The Commission accepts the reply given by the SPIO of APSC but takes the exception to the facts of not intimating the same in the reply to the RTI petition of the applicant. The Supreme Court order relating to 2018 given by the SPIO should have been intimated to the petitioner without asking the petitioner to submit her admit card which is an unnecessary step taken by the SPIO as the Roll Number of the petitioner is already mentioned in the RTI petition. Further when she submitted her admit card, she was intimated that the examination process is not yet completed and information could not be given at this stage.
7. All these correspondences with the RTI petitioner was unnecessarily time consuming which could have been avoided by the SPIO by intimating the petitioner about the Supreme Court order at the first stage i.e. when her RTI petition was received.
8. The Commission accepts the reply given by the SPIO and the second appeal petition dated 4.11.2020 is hereby disposed off.

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

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Joint Registrar i/c
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 19.2.2021

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1. The SPIO, O/o the Assam Public Service Commission, Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
2. The First Appellate Authority of the Assam Public Service Commission, Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
3. Smti Moniratna Bhuyan, Dr. AA Road, Ward No-14, Khelmati North Lakimpur, Lahimpur, PIN-787031 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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