



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M)133/2021  
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Joydeb Das.  
Respondent : SPIO, State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT)  
Date of hearing : 08.07.2021  
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout.  
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

08.07.2021

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The SPIO of Director of State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT) is absent. However, Dr. Sumona Roy, the Joint Director & SPIO of SCERT has submitted a copy of information furnished to the petitioner vide letter No. SCERT/B/Plan/RTI/117/2 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 which is taken into records.

2. The appellant stated that the following information was sought by his RTI application dated 18.01.2021

- (i) Please furnish fund received from Gol and GoA during the FY 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 along with copy of sanction letter and details of utilization for programme activity.

However, the petitioner had received information vide SCERT's letter No. SCERT/B/Plan/RTI/117/2021/2 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 mentioning only the ceiling amount received whereas the appellant has also sought copy of sanction letter and details of utilization.

3. On perusal of the case records, it is seen that Dr. Sumona Roy, the Joint Director & SPIO has not mentioning anything about the sanction letters which are available in their office only and there is no need to collect information from field.

4. As regards to collection information from the Teacher Education Institutions (TEI), she has mentioned that the office communicated to different TEI under SCERT and due to Covid Pandemic, some of the offices of TEIs are not functioning properly. However, the Commission noticed that there was no restriction of Covid related issue till the end of April. Though as per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the total time available to the SPIO is one month only and another one month time is available to the First Appellate Authority, the RTI petitioner Sri Das has filed RTI application on 18.1.2021 and obviously there was enough time for Joint Director and SPIO of SCERT to collect the information and dispose the RTI application. Therefore, the plea of Covid Pandemic in creating hindrance in furnishing information is untenable and unacceptable plea of the SPIO.

5. However, the Commission gives more one month time to the SPIO w.e.f today and to furnish the complete information to the petitioner.

On non receipt of information the petitioner has the liberty to bring the issue before the Commission.

(Dr. A.P. Rout)

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Joint Registrar i/c  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd. 08.07.2021**

Copy to:

1. The Director of State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT) to please take note of observation of the Commission.
2. Dr. Sumona Roy, Joint Director and SPIO of State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information and necessary action.
3. The First Appellate Authority of the Director of State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information.
4. Shri Joydeb Das, S/o Late Karunamoy Das, H.No-16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Ghy-25 for information.
5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
6. Office File.
7. Order Book.

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