



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M)132/2021
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/117/2021/2 dated 23.2.2021 which is taken into records.

2. The appellant stated that the following information was sought vide his RTI petition dated 18.01.2021

(i) Whether any tender was floated for programme activity (Training and Research) during the FY 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. If yes, please furnish the following:

(a) Please furnish digitally in pen drive tender wise a copy of NIT, News paper advertisement, Minutes of the meeting, Comparative statement, Work order, Bill, challan and copy of sanction letter and fund involved and release along with copy of report of monitoring committee for programme activity and remarks

(b) Please furnish digitally in pen drive documents submitted by the bidders in tenders.

The Joint Director & SPIO has furnished information vide letter No. SCERT/B/Plan/RTI/117/2021/2 dated 23.2.2021, wherein she has mentioned only the ceiling Received for the Financial Year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. She has mentioned about the activity of SCERT and also mentioned that the Principals of Teacher Education Institutes (TEIs) are to be communicated for providing information and the information will be furnished after receiving from them.

3. On perusal of the case records, it is seen that the Joint Director has not mentioned when she has communicated with the Principals of TEIs for providing information. Further just to submit the amount of the ceiling, it is also noticed that the office took more than one month time from the dispatch of the RTI petition.

4. Then the petitioner filed first appeal petition dated 1.3.2021 before the Director/FAA of State Council of Education Research and Training, Kahilipara. The Joint Director & SPIO intimated the petitioner vide letter No. SCERT/B/Plan/RTI/2021/6 dated 17.3.2021 that the RTI application dated 18.1.2021 was not received early in their office and on receipt of the same the process of reply is being processed.

5. From the perusal of the above circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion that the information furnished to the petitioner vide letter No. SCERT/B/Plan/RTI/117/2021/2 dated 23.2.2021 is not specific and as claimed by the petitioner all the documents sought by him are available at the SCERT Office, Kahilipara and there was no need to collect the same from the Principals of TEIs.

6. In light of the above, the Commission fixed another date and directs the SPIO to personally present and clarify the points raised by the appellant in the next date of hearing.

7. Fix 27.7.2021 at 11.30 AM for next date of hearing.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Joint Registrar i/c
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 08.07.2021

Copy to:

1. Dr. Sumona Roy, Joint Director and SPIO of State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information and necessary action. (You are directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing as mentioned above)
2. The First Appellate Authority of the Director of State Council of Education Research & Training (SCERT), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 for information and necessary action.
3. 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. (You are directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing as mentioned above)
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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