

Case No. : SIC/ KP(M)238/2020  
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Nripen Malakar  
Respondent : SPIO of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam,  
M.G.Road, Uzanbazar, Guwahati, Assam 781001  
Date of Hearing : 1-3-2021  
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout, IPS(Retd)  
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**1/3/2021**

1. The petitioner Shri Nripen Malakar is absent. However, he has sent a letter dated 1/3/2021 wherein he has mentioned that due to his mother's annual shardha he is not able to attend the hearing and he has asked for adjourning the hearing.
2. Though the request by the appellant was for adjournment, the Commission takes exception to the prayer for adjournment, as the application dated 1/3/2021 for adjournment is received during the course of the hearing where departmental representatives are present.
3. The appellant could have taken the responsibility of submitting the prayer for adjournment before time so that the adjournment could have been considered. Further the presence of appellant at the hearing is not mandatory. Hence, the Commission does not think it prudent to postpone the hearing.
4. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Madhu Sudan Nath, ACS, Addl. Director & SPIO, Directorate of Social Welfare and is accompanied by Smti Dipti Phukan, Branch Officer & Deemed PIO, Directorate of Social Welfare.
5. However, coming to the case, the Commission takes into consideration the written statement filed by the SPIO and Addl. Director of Social Welfare on the reason behind delay in submitting the information.

The Commission expresses its displeasure for non submission of the information in time.

6. However as regards to the order dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 of SPIO & Addl. Director, Directorate of Social Welfare, the Commission, after going through the RTI petition, considers that the information sought relates to the Directorate of Social Welfare and the amount received by the NGOs participating in the procedure cannot be considered as 3<sup>rd</sup> party information.
7. Therefore the **Commission directs the SPIO to provide specific point wise reply to the RTI petitioner.**
8. In light of the above, the instant 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal petition dated 6/10/2020 is disposed off.

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

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Joint Registrar i/c  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd. 1.3.2021**

Copy to:

1. Shri Madhu Sudan Nath, ACS & SPIO of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam, M.G.Road, Uzanbazar, Guwahati - 781001 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. Shri Nripen Malakar, H/No. 27/A, Sarumotoria, Samannay Path, Dr. Zakir Hussain Road, Guwahati – 36, Assam for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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