

**Case No.** : SIC/KP(M).43/2021  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Sri Joydeb Das  
**Respondent** : SPIO of the Office of the Registrar, Gauhati  
University, Gopinath Bardoloi Nagar, Guwahati  
**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.
2. The Public Authority is represented by Dr. Prasanta Barman, Deputy Registrar and PIO, Gauhati University accompanied by Arabinda Haloi, Asstt. Treasurer, Gauhati University.
3. The petitioner vide his RTI application dated 2/1/2021 has sought for the following information:  
(a) Please furnish a copy of proposal and copy of EC resolution on opening of Students Welfare Fund by Vice Chancellor.  
(b) Please furnish in details of the contribution till date by name and distribution till date by name.
4. Accordingly, he was intimated by the Gauhati University vide letter no GU/PIO/RTI/2021/189 dated 21/1/2021 wherein it is mentioned that no bank account is maintained against Students Welfare Fund.
5. In reply to this , the petitioner submitted 1<sup>st</sup> appeal on 25.2.2021 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority vide its letter dated 5.3.2021 intimated that information furnished by the PIO of Gauhati University is rather complete and specific and in the letter, it is also mentioned that there is no such fund in the name of Students Welfare Fund.
6. The petitioner in his complaint petition dated 9/4/2021 has mentioned about EC Resolution dated 19.11.2019 mentioning that there is Vice Chancellor Welfare Fund and account has been opened accordingly.
7. On questioning the SPIO, Dr Prasanta Varman intimated that he forwarded the RTI petition to the Treasurer along with the RTI petition and on receipt of the information from the Treasurer, he forwarded the reply to the appellant vide letter no. GU/PIO/RTI/2021/189 dated 21/1/2021.
8. The Assistant Treasurer who is also present at the hearing mentioned about the forwarding letter of the SPIO, but he is silent on the enclosed RTI petition along with the forwarding letter from the SPIO.
9. The Assistant Treasurer unfortunately did not appreciate the merits of the RTI petition and the reply was without application of mind.

10. The Commission is of the opinion that the SPIO and the Deemed SPIO are expected to appreciate the tone and tenor of the RTI petition rather than going into the technicality of the words used in the RTI petition.
11. However, in this case the Commission accepts the reply of the SPIO on the RTI petition and advises the appellant to ask specific RTI questions if he so desires to get reply in this matter.
12. In view of the above, the case is disposed off.

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

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Joint Registrar i/c  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd.8.7.2021**

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1. The SPIO, O/o the Registrar, Gauhati University, Gopinath Bardoloi Nagar, Jalukbari, Guwahati-14 for information.
2. The petitioner Shri Joydeb Das, S/o Late Karunamoy Das, H.No-16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Ghy-25, Assam for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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