



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).155/2021  
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Harinarayan Pathak.  
Respondent : The SPIO of the Office Political Deptt.  
Date of hearing : 06.09.2021  
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout.  
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
06.09.2021

1. The petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak filed an RTI petition dated 29.12.2020 before the SPIO of Political Department seeking following information:

- (i) Name of each of the LEGISLATIVE BILL received approvals with the CABINET DECISIONS from the Cabinet of Hon'ble Ministers of Govt. of Assam for LEGISLATION of the BILL through Hon'ble ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY during the period w.e.f. 01.01.1987 till 31.12.1991, leading to the respective Act on received assant of the Competent Authority.
- (ii) In lieu of Query No (i) above, INSPECTION of REGISTER of CABINET APPROVALS during the period as referred to at the Query No. (1) above & obtain the Records, as identified during inspection.

2. However, the SPIO of Political Department intimated the petitioner vide letter No. PLA(V)9/2021/4 dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 that the information sought vide his RTI petition is not specific and beyond understandable in respect of Para 1. As the para 1 is not specific hence para 2 is also irrelevant.

3. Reportedly being not satisfied with the reply of the SPIO, the Petitioner filed first appeal petition dated 18.02.2021 before the First Appellate Authority of Home & Political Department. The petitioner also sent a reminder dated 26.02.2021 before the First Appellate Authority of Home & Political Department.

The First Appellate Authority of Home & Political Department intimated the petitioner vide its order dated 20.03.2021 that the information sought vide his RTI application is not specific as such the first appeal of the appellant is hereby rejected with a request to the appellant Sri Harinarayan Pathak to apply afresh with specific details of the information sought for.

4. Then the petitioner filed second appeal petition dated 5.6.2021 before the Commission. Accordingly the hearing of second appeal petition is fixed today.

5. The petition Sri Harinaryan Pathak is present. The public authority i.e. the SPIO of Political Department Sri Tapash Gupta, Under Secretary is present, accompanied by Sri Biju Prasad Baruah, OSD, and Sri R. Mahanta, OSD, Home & Political Department. The SPIO and Under Secretary of Political Department submitted two separate written statements dated 3.9.2021 and 4.9.2021 which are taken as case records. A copy of letter No. PLA(V)16/2021/16 dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 has also

marked to the Commission by the Officer-on Special Duty, Home & Political Department which is also entered into case records.

6. Being asked by the Commission, the petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak could not explain clearly what exactly he wants as the queries mentioned in his RTI petition is not understandable to SPIO, 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority, the petitioner could not make any comprehensible answer.

7. The Commission therefore, agrees with the reply of the SPIO of Political Department and order of the First Appellate Authority of Home & Political Department.

8. The second appeal petition dated 5.6.2021 is hereby disposed off.

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

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Secretary & Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd. 06.09.2021**

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1. Sri Tapash Gupta, SPIO & Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Political Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for information.
2. Sri Biju Prasad Barauh, OSD, Pol (Vig Cell), Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for information.
3. Sri R. Mahanta, OSD, Home & Political Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for information.
4. The First Appellate Authority of Home & Political Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for information.
5. The Appellant, Sri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-781001 for information.
6. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
7. Office File.
8. Order Book.

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