

Case No. : SIC/KP(M)202/2020
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent : Nodal Officer, RKVY, Directorate of Agriculture,
Khanapara
Date of Hearing : 07/09/2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
07/09/2021

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The petitioner has filed his RTI application dated 18/2/2020 seeking following information:
(A) Required information regarding "Farmer's Training Programme under RKVY scheme" for the year 2015-16.
(B) Please furnish amount of funds involved and released to suppliers along with copies of bill, work orders and technical report for release of payment.
(C) Please furnish a copy of guidelines of the scheme.
(D) Please furnish copies of adjustment vouchers, list of trainees, attendance of the farmer's and completion certificate.
2. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Triranga Bharatiya Borah, Director of Horticulture & Food Processing and he is accompanied by Sri Bhaskar Kalita, ADO, Director of Horticulture & Food Processing.
3. The SPIO of the Directorate of Horticulture & Food Processing has submitted a written statement dated 6.9.2021 wherein it is mentioned that the fund involved under RKVY for the year 2015-16 amounting Rs 45.50 Lakh was allotted and have been executed successfully.
4. The Commission is satisfied with this reply. However, a complaint is specifically raised by the complainant relating to a reply of the Nodal Officer, RKVY, Khanapara dated 13.11.2020 stating that no farmer training programme under RKVY Scheme in 2015-16 was undertaken by them.
5. The complainant also referred to the audit report stating that during the year 2015-16 under RKVY, Rs 1,89,37,000 was allotted for farmers training etc.
6. Basing on the above, the complainant has filed a complaint petition dated 22/12/2020 stating that irrelevant information was provided by the Nodal Officer RKVY, Directorate of Agriculture.
7. In pursuance to the Commission order dated 29/7/2021, the Nodal Officer, RKVY, Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara wrote a letter to the SPIO, Directorate of Horticulture & Food Processing, Khanapara vide letter dated 26.8.2021 requesting him to remain present in the hearing and (he has casually and irresponsibly marked a copy of the said letter to Secretary & Registrar, Assam Information Commission, Guwahati).
8. Though this warrants penal action for violation of RTI Act, 2005. **The Commission is giving a fair chance to the Nodal Officer before deciding the case and hence fixes another date of hearing.**
9. Fix 27.9.2021 at 11:45 AM as the next date of hearing.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 7.9.2021

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Dispur for information.
2. Syed Rajibur Rahman, Nodal Officer, RKVY/NFSM/IPMU, Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati 22. He is to physically remain present on the next date of hearing
3. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Lt. Karunamoy Das, House No.16, Ambari Fatashil, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Guwahati 781025 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission