



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

Case No. Complainant/ appellant Respondent Date of hearing Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by

SIC/KP (M).225/2021
Sri Joydeb Das
SPIO, Gauhati University
30.9.2021
Dr. A.P. Rout. State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 30.9.2021

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das has filed RTI petition dated 12.04.2021 before the PIO of Gauhati University seeking following information regarding Uttaran Trust is as follows

- Please furnish Name and designation of the Managing Committee and Registration copy.
- (ii) Please furnish a copy of Bye-laws of trust with aims and objective.
- (iii) Please furnish details of assets and liabilities including land and area of land and location of land
- (iv) Please furnish name of original owner of land and type of acquisition with purchase price along with sale deed and copy of agreement.

However, the Deputy Registrar & PIO of Gauhati University had transferred the RTI Petition to the Managing Trustee, Uttaran Trust vide letter No. GU/PIO/RTI/Transf./2021/360-61 dated 22.4.2021 for furnishing the information directly to the petitioner.

Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed first appeal petition dated 21.06.2021 before the First Appellate Authority of Gauhati University. The petitioner filed second appeal petition dated 30.7.2021 before the Commission. Accordingly the date of hearing is fixed today.

2. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority i.e. the SPIO of the Gauhati University Dr. Prasanta Barman, Deputy Registrar is present. He has submitted a written statement dated 24.9.2021 stating that the RTI petition was again transferred to Dr. Mukul Chakravarty, Uttaran Trust vide letter No. GU/PIO/RTI/Transf./2021/481-82 dated 21.09.2021 to furnish the sought for information directly to the petitioner.

3. But, unfortunately, only on the evening of the day before the second appeal hearing, the Managing Trustee, Uttaran Trust sent a packet containing the reply and the SPIO of Gauhati University carried the reply for the hearing.

4. Infact, the Registrar and the First Appellate Authority vide letter No.GU/PIO/Transf./RTI/2021/486-87 dated 23.9.2021 has intimated the Managing Trustee of Uttaran Trust to attend the hearing but the Managing Trustee of Uttaran Trust for the reason best known to him and with uttar disregard to the provision of the RTI Act did not attend the hearing.

5. The Commission is constrained to note the casual approach of the deemed PIO/ Managing Trustee of Uttaran Trust in not furnishing the information within the stipulated time period as the per the provision of the RTI Act, 2005 and furnishing of the information just one day before the hearing of second appeal petition. Due to which the petitioner is not in a position to comment on the content of reply. Hence, the Commission directs the SPIO to hand over the reply received from Managing Trustee of Uttaran Trust to the petitioner today itself.

The appellant is also directed to go through the reply of the Managing Trustee and raise his queries if any at the next date of hearing.

A date to be fixed.

Sd/-

(Dr. A.P. Rout)

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 30.9.2021

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- 1. Dr. Prasanta Barman, Deputy Registrar & SPIO, Gauhati University, Jalukbari, Guwahati-14, Assam for information and necessary action. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing as ordered above.
- Dr. Mukul Chakravarty, deemed PIO Managing Trustee, Uttaran Trust, Jyotibharati Alokdham, Bhitarkhola, near Madan Kamdev Temple, PO-Dorakohora, Pin-781101, Kamrup(R) for information and necessary action. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing as ordered above.
- 3. Sri 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. . He is to remain present on the next date of hearing as ordered above.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.