



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M)202/2020
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent : Nodal Officer, RKVY, Directorate of Agriculture
Date of hearing : 27.9.2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout.
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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27.9.2021

1. In continuation of the Commission's earlier order dated 07.09.2021, the petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The Nodal Officer of RKVY Syed Rajibur Rahman is also present.
2. On perusal of the case records, it is seen that Sri Zakir Hussain Choudhury, the then Nodal Officer and Joint Director of RKVY has provided false information to the petitioner vide letter No. AGRI/RKVY/RTI/2019-20/110 Dated 13.11.2020. It is not known whether such serious act of the Ex-Nodal Officer was brought to the notice of the Director of Agriculture, Sri Vinod Seshan, IAS by the present Nodal Officer, Syed Rajibur Rahman.
3. In the last hearing i.e. on 07.09.2021, the Nodal Officer was absent and he requested the SPIO of the Directorate of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam to remain present at the hearing vide letter No. Agri/IPMU/Gen.Corresp./Pt/36/2021-22/31 dated 26.08.2021 but he had never mentioned that who will be the deemed PIO and had casually marked a copy to this Commission.
4. The Nodal Officer, Syed Rajibur Rahman stated that the money was given to the Director of Horticulture and vouchers are available with them. In the mean the time the second appellant, Sri Joydeb Das raised an objection and placed a letter No. Hort.FP/53/pt-I/2018-19/213 dated 6.9.2021 sent by the SPIO of Director of Horticulture and Food Processing, wherein it is mentioned that original bills and Challans were submitted to the Directorate of Agriculture, for drawal of fund and accordingly the bills and other documents are available in the Directorate of Agriculture.
5. From the above, it is easily concluded that the Nodal Officer is either lying or he is not aware of it.
6. When the Nodal Officer was asked about the remaining expenses of Rs. 1,43,87,000/- (Rupees one crore forty three lakhs and eighty seven thousand) he is totally blank and appears that the he is not in a position to explain.
7. In view of it, the Commission feels it a fit case to depute an officer from this Commission to conduct an enquiry but taking a lenient view the Commission under Section 19 (8) of the RTI Act, 2005 directs Secretary of the Agriculture Department to enquire into the matter within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order and provide the information to the petitioner with intimation to this Registry of this Commission.
8. The second appeal petition dated 31.7.2020 provisionally disposed off.

Sd/-

(Dr. A.P. Rout)

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 27.9.2021

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1. Sri Vinod Seshan, IAS, Director of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
2. Sri Ananta Lal Gyani, IAS, Secretary of Agriculture Department, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 for information and necessary action. (Copy of complaint petition of Joydeb Das and earlier orders of the Commission are enclosed herewith for your reference)
3. Syed Rajibur Rahman, Nodal Officer, RKVY/NFSM/PMU, Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information.
4. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, S/o- Lt. Karunamoy Das, H.No-16, Ambari Fatashil, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Guwahati-781025 for information
5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
6. Office File.
7. Order Book.

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