

Case No. : SIC/MRN.6/2021
Complainant/ Appellant : Anmol Singh Chauhan
Respondent : SPIO of the Office of Director of Higher
Education, Kahilipara
Date of Hearing : 8/10/2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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8/10/2021

1. In continuation of Commission's earlier order dated 14.9.2021, the matter was taken up for hearing.
2. The petitioner Anmol Singh Chauhan is present. He has sent a letter dated 4.10.2021 which is taken into records.
3. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Joy Ram Hazarika, Deputy Director, Higher Education, Assam. The SPIO has sent a written statement dated 7.10.2021 which is taken into records.
4. In the written statement, the SPIO has not mentioned anything about his absence in the last hearing at the Commission and non furnishing of information during the stipulated time as per the RTI Act, 2005.
5. Hence, it is a fit case to impose penalty i.e., fine of Rs 250 per day as per Section 20(1) or order departmental action as per Section 20(2).
6. However, since the SPIO Sri Joy Ram Hazarika said that he received the Commission's letter very late, the Commission directs him to conduct an enquiry on which date it reached his office and on which date he personally got the letter and till date enquiry the imposition of penalty kept in abeyance. The enquiry should be completed within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.
7. It is seen that this Commission vide case no. MRN 1/2015 has passed an order dated 15.2.2017 which suffices the decision of the Commission to present RTI petition.
8. Copy of earlier order to be given to the RTI appellant.
9. In view of the above, the case is disposed off.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the Office of the Director of Higher Education, Kahilipara, Guwahati 19 for information and necessary action.
2. The petitioner Anmol Singh Chauhan, S/o Lt. Sighasan Chauhan, Vill & PO – Bhuragaon, Dist. Morigaon, Assam 782121 for information.(Copy of the Commission's earlier order dated 15.2.2017 is enclosed)
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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