

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).161/2021
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO of the Office of District Agricultural Officer,
Bongaigaon, Assam
Date of Hearing : 7/10/2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
7/10/2021

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The petitioner has filed his RTI application before the Public Information Officer, District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon, Assam on 8.3.2021.
2. The SPIO of the Office of District Agricultural Officer, Bongaigaon sent a reply dated 22.3.2021 to the petitioner regarding furnishing of information.
3. To which the RTI petitioner vide his letter dated 19.4.2021 filed 1st appeal before the First Appellate Authority of the Office of District Agricultural Office, Bongaigaon. In the 1st appeal it is mentioned that the petitioner needs some specific information regarding seeds and types of P.P.Chemical, Bio Fertilizer, Micro nutrient, Weedicides and others small machinery under NFSM and BGREI scheme and regarding his hardcopy as per question no. 2.
4. It seems that no action has been taken by the 1st Appellate Authority and then the petitioner filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 14.6.2021 and accordingly the matter was taken up for hearing.
5. The Public Authority to be represented by SPIO of the Office of District Agricultural Officer is absent. However, the SPIO has submitted a prayer dated 7.10.2021 before the Commission stating that due to his post-ligament injury he is unable to attend the hearing.
6. This prayer was not accompanied by any medical certificate and it is not clear whether he is attending his office with the injury or not. It is also not understood how is he making local movement from office to residence and vice versa.
7. Not being a medical expert, the Commission cannot comment how his post ligament injury will affect his movement by vehicle.
8. In light of the above, the Commission has reservation in accepting the prayer. However as per our Commission notice dated 23.9.2021, the SPIO was expected to give some specific reply to the RTI query which he has failed to do.
9. In light of it, the Commission decides to impose penalty u/s 20 for his failure to provide complete information. However, before imposing penalty, the Commission desires to get an explanation from the SPIO.
10. Fix another date of hearing.

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

Authenticated true copy.

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. Sri Debashish Nath, Senior ADO cum SPIO of the Office of the District Agriculture Officer, Bongaigaon, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. Sri Vinod Seshan, IAS, Director of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati for information.
3. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Lt. Karunamoy Das, H.No.16, Fatashil Ambari, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Guwahati for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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