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Case No. : SIC/KP(M)175/2021
Complainant/ Appellant : Dr. Nazrul Kazi
Respondent : SPIO of the Directorate of Agriculture,
Khanapara
Nodal Officer, PKVY, Directorate of Agriculture,
Khanapara
Date of Hearing : 6/10/2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
6/10/2021

1. In continuation of earlier order dated 12.8.2021, the hearing was taken today.
2. The petitioner Dr Nazrul Kazi is present.
3. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Khagendra Sarmah, Nodal Officer, PKVY and he is accompanied by Sri Bijoy Chandra Sarma, SPIO, Directorate of Agriculture.
4. In today's hearing, Sri Bijoy Chandra Sarma, SPIO stated that the Nodal Officer has already taken up with the districts to furnish the sought for information to the petitioner and in the meantime, the reply had been received from seven districts and the same has been handed over to the petitioner.
5. The petitioner orally stated that some of the districts have intimated him to bear the cost of Rs30000/-.
6. Though the Act says that the information is to be given within 30 days with the payment of the cost of photocopy, but in this instant case, the cost of the material to be furnished is to the tune of thousands of pages.
7. The SPIO of Directorate of Agriculture said that the department is not in a position to bear the cost for such voluminous documents.
8. In light of it, the Commission orders that SPIO and Nodal Officer should tie up with the districts on the availability of District SPIO / District Nodal Officer with the appellant, so that a convenient date can be fixed and the appellant may visit and get a maximum of 25 pages per district free of cost after inspection of the documents. If the petitioner requires more copies he should bear the cost of photocopy and the whole process should be completed within 2 months from the date of receipt of this order.
9. In view of the above, the case is disposed off.

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

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Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati 781022 for information and necessary action.
2. The Nodal Officer, PKVY, Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati 22 for information and necessary action.
3. The petitioner Dr. Nazrul Kazi, House No. 37, Mother Teresa Road, Hatigaon, Guwahati 38 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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