

Case No. : SIC/KP(M)234/2021
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO of Office of District Agricultural Officer,
Golaghat
Date of Hearing : 30/09/2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
30/09/2021

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The petitioner has filed his RTI application on 28.1.2021 before the PIO of District Agriculture Officer, Golaghat, Assam 785621. The PIO on his letter dated 23.2.2021 stated that the petitioner was requested to kindly visit the office at convenient date and time during office hours regarding all the sought for information.
2. On not being satisfied with the RTI reply, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the First Appellate Authority of District Agriculture Office, Golaghat on 24.3.2021.
3. In reply to 1st appeal petition, the PIO of District Agriculture Office, Golaghat has sent a letter dated 7.4.2021 to the petitioner wherein it was mentioned that all their office staffs are engaged in election duty and hence they are not in a position to provide the digitized information in a pendrive. Therefore they requested the petitioner to deposit Rs 3000 as the cost of photocopy of the information.
4. On not being satisfied with the 1st appeal reply, the petitioner then filled 2nd appeal before the Commission on 3.8.2021 and accordingly the matter was taken up for hearing today.
5. The Public Authority to be represented by SPIO of the office of District Agricultural Officer is absent.
6. Since the SPIO/1st Appellate Authority has already mentioned that the documents are voluminous and non digitized and there is shortage of staff, the Commission orders that a convenient date in discussion with the RTI petitioner to be fixed within one month positively and documents to be inspected and copy of the relevant documents (limited to ten pages) to be given free of cost. If more pages are required by the petitioner, the same may be provided on payment of Rs 2.00 for every additional page of photocopy.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 30.9.2021

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the Office of the District Agricultural Officer, Golaghat, Assam 785621 for information and compliance as ordered above.
2. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Lt. Karunamoy Das, H.No.16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Guwahati for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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