

**Case No. :SIC/KP(M) 373/2021**  
**Complainant/ Appellant :Joydeb Das**  
**Respondent :SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Barpeta**  
**Social Forestry Division, Barpeta, Assam**  
**Date of Hearing :11/01/2022**  
**Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,**  
**Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

**O R D E R**  
**11/01/2022**

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The petitioner has filed his RTI application before the PIO of Principal Chief Conservator, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati on 1.9.2021 seeking some information relating to one Shri Lakshyajit Kr. Das, who was selected and recruited as Forest Grade I.
2. The SPIO of the Office of PCCF & HOFF, Assam then transferred the RTI application u/s 6(3) of RTI Act,2005 to SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Barpeta Social Forestry Division, Barpeta on 13.9.2021 as the matter related to them.
3. In the meantime, the reply to point no.(b) and (g) of the RTI application was furnished to the petitioner and information relating to remaining points were not given.
4. On receipt of part information, the petitioner filed 1<sup>st</sup> appeal before the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority/Principal Chief Conservator, Aranya Bhawan , Panjabari, Guwahati on 5.10.2021. And then he filed complaint petition before the Commission on 15.11.2021. Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
5. The petitioner has submitted a written prayer before the Commission to convert his complaint petition into 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal.
6. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Dilip Kr. Deka, DCF, SPIO, O/o the PCCF & HOFF and he is accompanied by Sri Ahir Ali, DFO, Barpeta Social Forestry Division.
7. The petitioner said that only information relating to point b and g is furnished to him, but information relating to other points are not given.
8. The SPIO & the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority said that appointment of Shri Lakshyajit Kumar Das recruited as Forest Grade I relates to year 1995 and the whole records are not easily traceable for which they are finding it difficult in tracing the information relating to other points.
9. However, neither the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority nor the SPIO could justify why information relating to point no. 1.(e) and (f) are not given. This shows non application of mind and non seriousness on their part.
10. Therefore, the Commission gives 15 days time to the SPIO to furnish the information relating to point no. 1(e) and 1(f) of the RTI petition.

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

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Assam Information Commission

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1. The SPIO, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati 37 for information and necessary action.
2. DFO, Social Forestry Division, Barpeta, Assam for information and necessary action.
3. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Lt. Karunamoy Das, H.No.16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Guwahati 25 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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