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Case No. : SIC/KP(M).1761/2019
Appellant : Sri Harinarayan Pathak
Respondent : The SPIO, o/o the
1. Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Assam, Dispur
2. Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam
3. Senior Citizen Welfare Council, Hengrabari, Guwahati- 36
Date of hearing : 10.09.2021
Second Appeal heard by : Sri Kanak Ch. Sarma
State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R

10.09.2021

The appellant Shri Harinarayan Pathak is present.

The SPIO, o/o the Senior Citizen Welfare Council is absent but submits one letter stating the cause of absence.

Shri Samir Das, Deputy Director & SPIO of Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam is present. Shri Ratan Kr. Das, Under Secretary & SPIO, Social Welfare Department is also present. The Under Secretary & SPIO of Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam has submitted a written statement vide letter no. SWD.701/2013/186 dated 01.09.2021 and as enclosure of the said letter one statement in respect of action taken on the 1st appeal petition of Shri Pathak dated 08.07.2019 has also been submitted.

During the course of the hearing, the appellant expressed his satisfaction on the informations submitted by the SPIO of Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam in respect of para 1 and 2 of his RTI application dated 28.03.2019. However, no informations in respect of annual report to be submitted by the Senior Citizen Welfare Council as claimed by the appellant has not been received by him. The 1st Appellate Authority and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Social Welfare Department submitted in his written statement that no annual report is available as claimed by the appellant and this matter has already been informed to the appellant vide letter no.DSW(G)293/2016/182 dated 05.08.2021.

Seen the letter no. Nil dated 02.09.2021 of Shri Harekrishna Bharali, Chairman, Senior Citizen Welfare Council, Assam. It is submitted that he is an elderly person of 72 years and he is unable to attend today's hearing because of Covid- 19 pandemic situation. Although the Chairman is an elderly person it is not necessary that he himself to attend the hearing but he could have sent his SPIO of his office so that the Commission can know the functioning of the office.

The Commission observes that the appellant has been furnished with the sought for informations in respect of para 1 and 2 of his RTI application dated 28.03.2019 to his satisfaction. The Secretary to the Government of Assam, Social Welfare Department submits

that no annual report of Senior Citizen Welfare Council is available in the Department. The appellant desires to have a copy of the written statement submitted by the FAA and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Social Welfare department. **The Commission directs the SPIO and the Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Social Welfare Department to furnish a copy of the written statement submitted by the FAA to the appellant along with a copy of Gazette notification no. SWD.232/2009/Pt-IV/361 dated 20.05.2016.**

With the above directions, the 2nd appeal dated 22.10.2019 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Kanak Ch. Sarma)
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M).1761/2019

Dtd.10.09.2021

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 - (i) Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati- 6 for information and necessary action.
 - (ii) Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam, M.G. Road, Uzanbazar, Guwahati- 1 for information and necessary action.
 - (iii) o/o the Chairman, Senior Citizen Welfare Council, Hengrabari, Guwahati- 36 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/office of the Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati- 6 for information.
3. The First Appellate Authority/office of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam, M.G. Road, Uzanbazar, Guwahati- 1 for information.
4. The appellant, Shri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati- 781 001 for information.
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