

**Case No.** : SIC/JRT.2/2021  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Shri Adityam Dutta.  
**Respondent** : 1. The SPIO, O/o the State Level Police Recruitment Board, Assam Police Housing Corp. Ltd., Rehabari, Guwahati, Assam.  
2. The SPIO, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam.  
**Date of Hearing** : 16-12-2021  
**Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by** : Shri Samudra G. Kashyap.  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**16-12-2021**

1. The appellant Shri Adityam Dutta is absent.
2. Shri Devraj Sarmah, SPIO and Law Officer, Dibrugarh University is present. Shri Palash Saikia, Inspector of Police, State Level Police Recruitment Board, is present, being authorized by Asstt Inspector General of Police, State Level Police Recruitment Board, Assam, Guwahati, is present.
3. From perusal of records it is seen that the appellant Shri Adityam Dutta had submitted an RTI petition on 17.02.2021, to the PIO, State Level Police Recruitment Board, Assam, Guwahati, seeking informations related to a recruitment process in the Assam Police initiated in 2018. The Asstt. Inspector General, SLPRB, on 22.02.2021 transferred the said RTI petition to the APIO, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, since the examination related to the recruitment was conducted by the said University. On not receiving any response, the appellant Shri Adityam Dutta on 03.04.2021 submitted an Appeal before the FAA, State Level Police Recruitment Board, Guwahati. On 19.04.2021 the PIO, Dibrugarh University, wrote a letter No. DU/RG/PILO/B/5920 informing Shri Adityam Dutta that since the University had only conducted the written statement and Computer-based test of the said recruitment drive (and since the physical efficiency test, verification of documents for extracurricular activities and verification of other related documents were done by the State Level Police Recruitment Board), as such the University had prepared and sent the final merit list from the database of marks given by the State Level Police Recruitment Board to the State Level Police Recruitment Board. In view of this, the PIO, Dibrugarh University, requested the appellant Shri Adityam Dutta to collect the informations from the PIO, State Level Police Recruitment Board, Guwahati. Records show that despite being informed by the PIO, Dibrugarh University, to collect the information from the State Level Police Recruitment Board, the appellant instead preferred a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal before this Commission on 04.06.2021, stating that he had not being provided with the informations despite expiry of the stipulated 30 (thirty) days from the time of his submitting the original RTI application as also the stipulated period after submission of his 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal petition. The appellant also made an allegation that the PIOs of both the Public Authorities were only passing the responsibility to each other instead of furnishing him the informations. He also prayed for certain relief including directing the PIO's of Dibrugarh University and State Level Police Recruitment Board, to provide him the information.
4. Following this the Commission re-fixed 25.10.2021 as the date of hearing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal which however need to be postponed to 29.11.2021. In the meantime the Commission received a letter by e-mail on 08.11.2021 from the appellant Shri Adityam Dutta, informing that he had received the information on 23.06.2021 from the PIO, State Level Police Recruitment Board. He however prayed for "looking into the matter of the PIO's of the 2 (two) Public Authority delaying the process of furnishing the information".

5. During today's hearing the SPIO, Dibrugarh University, Shri Devraj Sarmah and Shri Palash Saikia of State Level Police Recruitment Board, however explained in detail the reasons for delay in furnishing information which are found to be satisfactory. Both however pointed out that while the appellant Shri Adityam Dutta has been pursuing his 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal despite being furnished with the information on 23.06.2021 itself.
6. Shri Devraj Sarmah, SPIO, Dibrugarh University, during today's hearing also submitted a written statement dated 14.12.2021 in which it has been clearly pointed out that the appellant Shri Adityam Dutta had been requested on 19.04.2021 itself to collect the information sought from the State Level Police Recruitment Board, as the requested information is held by the latter. The same had been earlier stated by the SPIO, Dibrugarh University, to the Commission vide letter written on 19.04.2021 as has been already mentioned in the previous paragraph.
7. Shri Palash Saikia, representing the Asstt. Inspector General of Police, State Level Police Recruitment Board, Guwahati, verbally cited certain genuine reasons for the delay in furnishing the informations, especially due to the pandemic situation at that time.
8. In view of the above, the Commission does not consider it necessary to grant the prayer for relief made by the appellant Shri Adityam Dutta in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal dated 04.06.2021. The Commission however would like to advise both the SPIO, Dibrugarh University and SPIO, State Level Police Recruitment Board to take care in the future so that informations sought under provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 are furnished to applicants within the stipulated period.
9. In view of the above, this 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-  
(Samudra G. Kashyap)  
State Information Commissioner,  
Assam.

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**Dated: 16-12-2021**

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