



OFFICE OF THE ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037

Case No. : SIC/DRN.35/2021 Complainant/ appellant : Sri Dijendra Ch. Nath.

Respondent : SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang

Date of order : 24.12.2021 Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout.

Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 24.12.2021

- 1. In continuation of this Commission's earlier order dated 06.12.2021 the SDO Sadar cum SPIO, Darrang has submitted her explanation vide letter No. DAN-101/2019/103 dated 17th December, 2021. The Deputy Commissioner, Darrang has also submitted a written statement dated 20.12.2021, which taken into case records.
- 2. In her petition the SPIO has stated that she received this Commission's order No. SIC/DRN.35/2021/17 dated 26th November, 2021 on 6th December, 2021 at 2.00 p.m. because of which she could not appear at the hearing. Accordingly, she appraised the matter before the Commission vide letter No. DAN-101/2019/101 dated 6th December, 2021 and asked the concerned Dealing Assistant verbally to mail the letter. But the mail could not be sent on the same day due to technical issue of computer. Later the letter was again sent as the technical issue of computer resolved on 10.2.2021.
- 3. Further the SPIO has mentioned that the information sought for was sent to the applicant on 18.09.2021 vide letter No. DAN/RTI/Seeking-124/20-2/48 as the Dealing Assistant of RTI has filed the information on 16.09.2021 after receiving the same from the concerned Branch.
- 4. The Deputy Commissioner, Darrang has mentioned in his written statement that the Commission's order dated 21.10.2021 against Case No. SIC/DRN.35/2021 and SIC/DRN.37/2021 had been received by the then Deputy Commissioner, Darrang and the SPIO of the Officer of the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang on 8th November, 2021. On the same day the SPIO marked the letters to the concerned dealing assistant with the direction to put up. But the dealing assistant namely Shri Bistu Daimari failed to put up the same in time. On 18th November, 2021 the dealing assistant has submitted a petition begging pardon for such lapse on his part. Due to the lapses of the concerned dealing assistant, the SPIO could not act in accordance with the order dated 21.10.2021 passed by the Hon'ble Information Commission. He further mentioned that for smooth functioning of the RTI matters, the First Appellate Authority & the SPIO of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang have already been replaced. Further, the dealing assistant Shri Bistu Daimary has already been placed under suspension with immediate effect.

- 5. The Deputy Commissioner, Darrang and the SPIO of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang both have apologized before the Commission.
- 6. Though the SPIO, O/o the DC, Darrang has mentioned in her explanation that the sought for information was sent to the applicant vide letter No. DAN/RTI Seeking-124/20-21/48 dated 18.09.2021, but in the last date of hearing i.e. on 06.12.2021, the petitioner submitted a petition requesting the Commission to pass necessary order for getting the sought for information.
- 7. In light of it, the petitioner if so feels may appear before the SPIO of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang to inspect and obtain the copies of information.
- 8. The SPIO is also advised to be more diligent and careful to deal with the RTI petition in future
- 9. The case is disposed off and the explanation called vide this Commission's order dated 6.12.2021 is also closed.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/ DRN.35/2021

Dtd. 20.12.2021

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- 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, Assam, PIN-784125 for information
- 2. Smti Jonti Deka, SDO (Saddar) and SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, Mangaldai for information.
- 3. Sri Dijendra Ch. Nath, S/o- Late Bhabendra Ch.Nath, Vill- Khas Sonapur, PO-Marua Chowki, Dist- Darrang, Assam PIN-784145, Ph NO- 9864023927 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.

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