



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).348/2021
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO, Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes
Date of order : 10.12.2021
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout.
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
10.12.2021

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das has filed RTI petition dated 09.08.2021 before the SPIO of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes seeking following information

- (i) "Please furnish in details of the statements of tender floated for interest of welfare of scheduled castes community during the period 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 along with fund involved and released and copy of proposal, Govt. sanctioned letter, FOC and Bills.
- (ii) Please furnish comment of Director on district wise challans and beneficiaries share has been received prior released of payment to the suppliers.
- (iii) Please furnish digitally in pen drive copies of beneficiaries share submitted by the beneficiary".

2. Reportedly on not getting any information the petitioner filed first appeal petition dated 24.09.2021 before the Director/First Appellate Authority of Directorate of Welfare Scheduled Castes. Then the petitioner filed second appeal petition dated 1.11.2021 before the Commission. Accordingly the date of hearing is fixed today.

3. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority i.e. the SPIO of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes Sri Suryya Kamal Bora, Research Officer and Sri Liton Mitra, Progress Assistant are present. The SPIO as well as the Director of the Directorate of Welfare of SC have submitted two separate written statements which are taken into records. However, the Commissioner is constrained to say that the explanation and the reason given for non-submission of information within the stipulated time by 30 days by the SPIO and another 30 days by the FAA is unacceptable.

4. Further the department cannot take the plea that just because of one employee/worker did not submit the information on time, the functioning of Directorate and the action on the RTI petition cannot be undertaken.

5. The SPIO stated orally that he has brought the complete information to be handed over to the petitioner. The Commissioner therefore, directs the SPIO to furnish the information to the petitioner. However, if the petitioner is not satisfied with the

information furnished to him he has liberty to communicate with the SPIO and a convenient date may be fixed by the SPIO for inspection and clarification if any.

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

Authenticated true copy.

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 10.12.2021

Copy to:

1. The SPIO of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Dispur, Guwahati-06, Assam for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Dispur, Guwahati-06, Assam for information.
3. Sri Joydeb Das, S/o- Late Karunamoy Das, H.No-16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Ghy-25 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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