



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

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).374/2021  
Complainant/ appellant : Sri Joydeb Das  
Respondent : SPIO, Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption  
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 24.08.2021 before the SPIO of Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption seeking following information

- (i) "Please furnish times need to be required for disposed off a case after registered Preliminary Enquiry and Regular Enquiry, if any, prescribed guidelines, please furnish a copy of the same.
- (ii) Whether any Govt. approvals need for registered PE and RE if yes, please furnish name of the department.
- (iii) Please furnish date with case no. wise letter sent to Govt. for approval to registered PE and RE during the period 2016-17 till date along with letter number with reference
- (iv) Whether any reminder letter was sent to the Govt. for delay of approval to registered PE and RE during the period 2016-17 till date if yes, please furnish a copy of the same with case number".

2. In reply to his RTI petition the Superintendent of Police cum SPIO has replied to the petitioner vide letter No. DGVA/RI/RTI/2021/2809 dated 24.09.2021 asking him to deposit Rs.12.00 (Rupees twelve) only for furnishing the sought for information.

In compliance to the letter the petitioner Sri Das has deposited the amount under proper receipt. After that the SPIO sent a letter No. DGVA/RI/RTI/2021/2886 dated 1.10.2021 seeking 15 days' more time to furnish the information. Finally the SPIO vide letter No. DGVA/RI/RTI/2021/3125 dated 16.10.2021 furnished the information in a letter form only, without any enclosures. The petitioner raised the point that the SPIO has realized the cost of photocopies of six pages but he wrote the reply in just one page.

3. The Commission feels that there is no application of mind on the part of the SPIO and wasting of time in asking to deposit cost of photocopy charges.

In the mean time, the petitioner has filed first appeal petition dated 19.10.2021 before the First Appellate Authority of the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption. The Deputy Inspector General of Police cum 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority, Directorate of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption replied the petitioner that he has agreed with the views of the SPIO and disposed the appeal.

Then the petitioner filed second appeal petition dated 1.11.2021 before the Commission. Accordingly the date of hearing is fixed today.

4. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present. The public authority i.e. the SPIO of the Directorate of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption is absent. However, the SPIO as well as the First Appellate Authority have submitted two separate written statements which are taken into case records, wherein they have mentioned that they have already provided the information.

But the questions raised by the petitioner remained unanswered for which they have already realized the cost of photocopies charges.

5. Further the petitioner contested that the reply to query number (1) of the RTI petition stating that where is the Government instruction on it.

As regards query No. 4 of the RTI petition, he further contested that the reply to the query does not attract the provision of the Section 8(g) of the RTI Act which states the sources of information. Since the SPIO as well as the First Appellate Authority are absent, their answer could not be heard.

6. In light of it, fix another date of hearing.

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

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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 Vigilance & Anti-Corruption, Srimantapur, Guwahati-32 for information and necessary action
2. The First Appellate Authority of the Directorate of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption, Srimantapur, Guwahati-32 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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