

Case No. : SIC/KP(M) 410/2021
Complainant/ Appellant : Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO, Office of the Registrar, Gauhati University,
Gopinath Bardoloi Nagar, Guwahati
Date of Hearing : 27/01/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
27/01/2022

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das has filed one RTI petition on 4.12.2021 before the PIO of Gauhati University, Jalukbari, Guwahati seeking following information:-
(a) Please furnish a copy of Executive Council resolution from January 2019 to August 2021.
2. On reply to that, the SPIO of Gauhati University vide letter no GU/PIO/RTI/2021/579 dated 11/12/2021 sent a letter to the petitioner quoting Delhi High Court order in writ petition No.7976/2020(Har Kishan Vs. President Secretariat) and asking to clarify whether any public interest is involved in seeking the information.
3. Reportedly after this, the petitioner filed a complaint petition u/s 18(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the SPIO of Gauhati University before the Commission on 22.12.2021.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for virtual hearing.

4. The SPIO, Office of the Registrar, Gauhati University submitted a written statement vide letter no. GU/PIO/RTI/2022/634 dated 24.1.2022 which is taken into records.
5. At video conferencing, the petitioner said that he would like to convert his complaint petition into 2nd appeal petition.
6. After that, the SPIO came online on video conferencing and he was told by the Commission on the content of the complaint petition of the RTI seeker.

Hearing that the SPIO said that the Executive Council resolution relating to 2021 is available in soft copy and those copies can be given to the petitioner if he is available with a pendrive.

As regards to the Executive Council resolution prior to the above period, the documents are voluminous.

7. The Commission after going through the above prayer of the SPIO and the petition of the complainant, decides that a convenient date to be fixed and the SPIO to hand over the soft copies to the petitioner on availability of a pendrive.
8. Though, the Commission could have asked the petitioner to deposit the cost of voluminous documents, stipulated period under RTI Act, 2005 is already over.

Hence directs the SPIO to provide the photocopy of the hard documents free of cost.

9. In view of the above, the case is disposed off.

Mark authenticated copies to all concerned.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, Office of the Registrar, Gauhati University, Gopinath Bardoloi Nagar, Guwahati 14 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Lt. Karunamoy Das, H.No.16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Guwahati 25 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission