

Case No. : SIC/KP(M) 419/2021
Complainant/ Appellant : Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO, The Deputy Directorate of Agriculture,
(P&E) & D.D.O., Directorate of Agriculture,
Khanapara, Guwahati
Guwahati
Date of Hearing : 24/01/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
24/01/2022

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das has filed his RTI petition on 1.11.2021 before the PIO, Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati seeking following information:
(a) Please furnish a copy of Govt. Sanction letter no. AGA.347/2015/26 dated 14.10.2015 and Govt. Sanction letter no. AGA.532/2015/38 dated 6.2.2016 along with details statement of fund drawn with bank account number.
2. On not being satisfied with the information received, the petitioner filed a complaint petition dated 22.12.2021 before the Commission and accordingly the matter was taken up for virtual hearing.
3. The SPIO/Joint Director of Agriculture(Pulse) & D.D.O., is absent without any intimation.
4. However, the Joint Director of Agriculture (Pulse) & D.D.O., Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara has submitted a written statement dated 20.1.2022 wherein it is mentioned that due to non furnishing schematic details and purpose of the Government sanction by the petitioner the Joint Director of Agriculture (pulse) & DDO was not in a position to trace the letters for furnishing as asked by the petitioner.
The Joint Director also mentioned that on submission of details of the sanction letters, necessary steps will be taken to trace the letters and will be furnished to the petitioner (if available).
5. The petitioner came online on video conferencing and stated that the SPIO in general and the department in particular is making all efforts in not sharing the information as this is a sanction letter from the government on basis of which the Agricultural Department must have taken steps.
Had there been a proper checking of the files, the letter could have been easily traced as it or they is/are only 5 to 6 years old.
6. Even assuming that the letters are not traceable, the SPIO and Directorate of Agriculture would have made an attempt to trace the letters from the Agriculture Department, Dispur.
7. After going through the reply of the SPIO/Joint Director, his non attendance of the video conferencing / non informing the reason of his non attendance and prayer supra of the petitioner, the Commission thinks it fit to depute an Officer in tracing the letter either in the Directorate or Department of Agriculture.

The Secretary and Director of Agriculture to extend necessary assistance.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 24.1.2022

Copy to:

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department, Dispur Guwahati Dispur Guwahati 781006 for information and necessary action.
2. The Director of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati 22 for information and necessary action.
3. The SPIO, Deputy Directorate of Agriculture (P & E) & D.D.O, Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati 22 for information.
4. 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.
5. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
6. Office File.
7. Order Book.

Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission