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Case No. : SIC/DHR.37/2019

Appellant : Smti. Safura Khatun

Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri

Date of hearing : 20.01.2022

Second Appeal heard by : Sri Kanak Ch. Sarma

State Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 20.01.2022

The appellant Smti. Safura Khatun is present.

The SPIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri is absent without any step although notice of hearing had been served on 31.12.2021.

The 1st appellate authority, o/o the DC, Dhubri has not submitted written statement in respect of action taken to dispose of the 1st appeal petition dated 02.01.2019.

Perused the case record. The appellant submitted one petition dated 05.11.2018 under the RTI Act, 2005 before the SPIO, o/o the DC, Dhubri seeking some informations. She was not furnished with the sought for informations within the stipulated period of time for which she submitted 1st appeal dated 02.01.2019 before the FAA, DC's office, Dhubri. Still she did not receive the sought for informations for which she submitted 2nd appeal dated 04.07.2019 before the Commission.

The appellant through her petition dated 05.11.2018 sought two informations VIZ. (i) copy of the letter bearing no. RLR.90/2004/149 dated 06.06.2016, (ii) Copy of enclosures of the letter no. RLR.90/2004/149 dated 06.06.2016, (iii) action taken on the said Government letter if any, and if no action had been taken that may also be informed. The ADC (Land Settlement Section) informed the ADC & SPIO vide letter no. DRS.67/2017/161 dated 29.12.2018 that the letter bearing no. RLR.90/2004/149 dated 06.06.2016 could not be traced out, and the same information was given to the appellant vide its letter no. DFC.01/2018/RTI/344 dated 03.01.2018. It is not understood how the SPIO of DC's office, Dhubri issued this letter on 3rd January, 2018 to enclose a letter issued by another ADC on 29.12.2018.

It is observed that the Land Settlement Section of DC's office, Dhubri simply informed that the Government letter could not be traced out. If the letter was issued by the Revenue & DM Deptt. of Government of Assam to the DC, Dhubri and the same could not be traced then it was the duty of the officer concerned to trace it out and if he fails to do so he should have collected a copy of the same from the Revenue & DM Deptt. of Government of Assam. Further, he has not informed about what action was taken to search it out.

It is also observed that the appellant was deprived from receipt of the informations she desired to have as because the ADC (Land Settlement Section) and SPIO of DC's, office, Dhubri could not trace the Govt. letter. If letter of contention is a Government letter, officer concern should have brought it to the notice of the DC, Dhubri and collect a copy of the same for taking necessary action from their end. Therefore, the SPIO of DC's office, Dhubri is directed to collect a copy of the letter no. RLR.90/2004/149 dated 06.06.2016 for taking necessary action as desired by the Government through the said letter and furnish the appellant informations as sought for. The entire process should be completed within thirty days of time.

With the above directions, the 2^{nd} appeal dated 04.07.2019 is disposed of.

Sd/(Kanak Ch. Sarma)
State Information Commissioner, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam Information Commission

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- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri, Dist.- Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783 301 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri, Dist.-Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783 301 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Smti. Safura Khatun, W/o- Nazimul Hoque, Vill- Powwarkhal, Pt.-I, PO- Barkanda, Dist.- Dhubri, Assam, Pin- 783 348 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading the order in the Website.

5. Office File.

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