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Case No.	: SIC/DRN.22/2021
Complainant/ Appellant	: Shri Mukul Sarma.
Respondent	: The SPIO/Secretary, O/o the O/o the Deomornoi G.P. P.O. Deomornoi, Distt. Darrang, Assam, PIN Code 784147.
Date of Hearing Complaint/ Second	: 01-11-2021
Appeal heard by	: Shri Samudra G. Kashyap. State Information Commissioner, Assam
	<u>O R D E R</u> 01-11-2021

- 1. The appellant Shri Mukul Sarma is present.
- 2. The SPIO/Secretary, O/o the Deomornoi G.P. P.O. Deomornoi, Distt. Darrang, Assam, is absent. But he has sent a letter to the Commission today (letter No. DGP01/2020-21/1182 dated 01.11.2021) by e-mail in which he has said that he is unable to attend today's hearing because of a Gaon Sabha meeting being held today. The G.P. Secretary has also stated that he will submit the informations to the appellant Shri Mukul Sarma "after one month". Shri Nur Hussain Ali, SPIO, Sr. Asstt., DRDA, Darrang is present.
- 3. From perusal of records it is seen that the appellant Shri Mukul Sarma had submitted one RTI application to the PIO, O/o the Deomornoi G.P., Distt. Darrang on 2108.2020 requesting for a number of informations under 12 queries ranging from list of beneficiaries of financial assistance given during the lockdown, details of PMAY-G from 2017-2020, details of IYAY/PMAY-G houses allotment to Persons with Disabilities from 2016-2020, and general beneficiaries under the said scheme, list of completed and ongoing schemes in the G.P. with financial assistance of 14th and 15th Finance Commission during 2016-2020, details of payments made to workers during 2020-21 etc.
- 4. On not receiving any response, the appellant Shri Mukul Sarma submitted a 1st Appeal in the O/o the Project Director, DRDA, Darrang, on 23.11.2020. The Project Director and FAA, DRDA, Darrang held a hearing on his 1st Appeal on 19.01.2021 and passed an order on 02.02.2021 directing the SPIO/Secretary, O/o the Deomornoi G.P. to provide the informations to the appellant within 15 (fifteen) days without fail. It appears from the records that the Secretary and SPIO, Deomornoi G.P. did not bother to implement the order of 02.02.2021 passed by the FAA and Project Director, DRDA, Darrang.
- 5. Following this the appellant submitted a 2nd Appeal in this Commission on 15.03.2021. While the pandemic situation caused delays in taking up the 2nd Appeal for hearing, the same was fixed for 25.10.2021 and later re-fixed for today.
- 6. In view of the written prayer of the Secretary and SPIO, O/o the Deomornoi G.P., and in view of the verbal assurance of Shri Nur Hussain Ali, SPIO, O/o the DRDA, Darrang, that his office can only follow upon his matter and particularly the matter of defiance or non-compliance of FAA order of 02.02.2021, the SPIO and Secretary, O/o the Deomornoi G.P., is directed to furnish the said informations to the appellant Shri Mukul Sarma within 5 (five) weeks (by 06.12.2021) free of cost. If some of the informations are already available in the Departmental website, then the SPIO and Secretary shall provide the appellant Shri Mukul Sarma with the website link and other details of availability of those pages. Moreover, in case the informations are voluminous in nature, then the SPIO and Secretary, O/o the Deomornoi G.P., shall provide the first 100 (one hundred) pages to the

appellant free of cost and provide the remaining pages after collecting photocopying charges from the appellant as applicable.

- 7. The SPIO and Secretary, O/o the Deomornoi G.P. is also directed to submit an Action Taken Report on this order immediately after expiry of 5 (five) weeks (i.e.,06.10.2021). The SPIO, O/o the DRDA, Darrang, is also directed to take necessary action and ensure that the appellant is provided with all the informations or guided to informations already available in the public domain within the 5 (five) weeks period which expires on 06.12.2021. The SPIO, O/o the DRDA, Darrang, shall also submit an Acton Taken Report to the Commission on expiry of the 5 (five) weeks period.
- 8. With the above order, this 2nd Appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-(Samudra G. Kashyap) State Information Commissioner, Assam.

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Secretary & Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/DRN.22/2021/21-A

Dated: 01-11-2021

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- 1. The SPIO/Secretary, O/o the O/o the Deomornoi G.P. P.O. Deomornoi, Distt. Darrang, Assam, PIN Code 784147, for information and necessary action.
- 2. First Appellate Authority/ The Project Director, DRDA, Darrang, P.O. Mangaldoi, Assam, PIN Code 784125, for information.
- 3. The petitioner, Shri Mukul Sarma, Vill. Kumarpara, P.O. Deomornoi, Dist. Darrang, PIN Code 784147, Assam, for information.
- 4. Computer section for uploading in the website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.

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