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Case No. : SIC/BNG.19/2020.  
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Johirul Islam.  
Respondent : 1. The SPIO, District Programme Officer, SSA,  
Bongaigaon, PIN Code 783380, Assam.  
2. The SPIO, Head Master, 832 No. Arimara L.P. School,  
Bongaigaon, PIN Code 783382, Assam.

Date of Hearing : 01-10-2021  
Complaint/ Second  
Appeal heard by : Shri Samudra G. Kashyap.  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**01-10-2021**

1. The appellant Shri Johirul Islam is present.
2. Shri Sanjib Kumar Bayan, Head Teacher, 832 No. Arimara L.P. School, Bongaigaon, is present. Shri Gautam Thakuria, District Programme Officer/SPIO, SSA, Bongaigaon, is also present.
3. From records it is seen that the appellant Shri Johirul Islam had submitted an RTI application to the SPIO, District Coordinator of SSA, Bongaigaon, on 29.05.2020. The District Programme Officer transferred the said RTI petition on 30.05.2020 to the District Programme Manager. On not getting any response the appellant submitted a 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal in the O/o the Additional Deputy Commissioner cum District Mission Coordinator, Bongaigaon, on 17.08.2020. The Additional Deputy Commissioner cum District Mission Coordinator, Bongaigaon, passed an order directing the Head Teacher, 832 No. Arimara L.P. School, to provide the remaining informations (in the meantime the Head Teacher had furnished some portion of the information) within 5 (five) days of receipt of the order. On not getting the information sought, the appellant preferred a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal in this Commission on 11.11.2020.
4. On perusal of records it is seen that the Head Master of 832 No. Arimara L.P. School, had, after providing a portion of the information, failed to provide the remaining information despite a clear order from the District Mission Coordinator and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Bongaigaon, on 21.10.2020. Sixteen months have passed since submission of the RTI petition, and despite that, and despite a clear order from the ADC/DMC, the Head Teacher has failed to provide all the informations sought.
5. On examination of the RTI petition, it is seen that the petitioner had sought a large amount of information related to mid-day meal, infrastructure, bank statement, cash books, school managing committee proceedings, details of lifting of rice from the samabai samiti, etc. covering a period of more than 4 (four) years. When asked what is the public interest involved in seeking such huge volumes of information, and that to from the Head Teacher of primary school which does not have man power to additionally handled RTI matters, the appellant was not sure about his intentions.
6. **In view of the above and considering the fact that the informations to be provided is voluminous in nature, the Head Teacher, 832 No. Arimara L.P. School is hereby directed to furnish the remaining informations to the appellant within 21 (twenty-one) days from the date of receipt of this order by providing the first 100 pages, free of cost, and collecting photocopying charges as per rules for the remaining pages of information so that responding to the RTI application does not become a financial burden on the school.**
7. **The Head Teacher, 832 No. Arimara L.P. School, and the SPIO/District Programme Officer, SSA, Bongaigaon, are also directed to apprise the Commission in writing immediately**

after furnishing of the informations. The appellant Shri Johirul Islam is also directed to inform the Commission that he has received the information.

8. With the above order, this 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal is hereby disposed of.

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

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Sd/-  
Secretary & Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

**Memo No. SIC/BNG.19/2020**

**Dated: 01-10-2021**

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1. The SPIO, District Programme Officer, SSA, Bongaigaon, PIN Code 783380, Assam, for information and necessary action.
2. The SPIO, Head Master, 832 No. Arimara L.P. School, Bongaigaon, PIN Code 783382, Assam, for information and necessary action.
3. First Appellate Authority/ The Additional Deputy Commissioner & District Mission Coordinator, SSA, Bongaigaon, PIN Code 783380, Assam, for information.
4. The petitioner, Shri Johirul islam, S/o Abdus Salam Mondal, Vill. Arimara, P.O. Lalmati, Distt. Bongaigaon, PIN Code 783384 Assam, for information and necessary action.
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