

Case No.	: SIC/CCR.15/2021.
Complainant/ Appellant	: Shri Bilal Ahmed Barbhuiya
Respondent	: The SPIO, O/o the BEEO, Katigorah, Hilara, PIN Code 788815, Assam.
Date of Hearing	: 29-09-2021
Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by	: Shri Samudra G. Kashyap. State Information Commissioner, Assam.

**O R D E R**  
**04-10-2021**

1. The appellant Shri Bilal Ahmed Barbhuiya is absent. He has sent an e-mail to the Commission on 28.09.2021 expressing his inability to attend the hearing due to ill health.
2. The SPIO, O/o the BEEO, Katigorah is absent. But the Commission on 28.09.2021 received a letter No. BEEO/ktg/8090 dated 28.09.2021, from the i/c Block Elementary Education Officer praying for absence from today's hearing in view of his engagement as AERO, LA-15. Prayer granted.
3. The i/c BEEO has also submitted a written statement along with the above mentioned letter, in the said written statement, he has mentioned that the heads of institutions – Lower Primary/Upper Primary Schools under jurisdiction of the BEEO, Katigorah, had expressed their willingness to furnish the information sought for by the petitioner. The i/c BEEO, however has also mentioned that the information sought constitutes a large number of documents, and as such the heads of the said institutions have requested that the petitioner to collect the same from the respective schools.
4. **On examination of records it is seen that the appellant Shri Bilal Ahmed Barbhuiya had in his RTI petition dated 30.07.2018, requested for 10 different categories of information from all the LP/UP Schools under jurisdiction of the BEEO Katigorah, for the session 2017-18. Since the stipulated time period for furnishing the informations by collecting photocopying charges from the petitioner expired long back, hence the appellant is eligible to get the informations free of cost. But since the i/c BEEO, in his written statement has stated that the information sought by the petitioner comprises of bulk documents and since Section 9 of the RTI Act, 2005 notes that the resources of Public Authority should not be disproportionately diverted while furnishing information, as such the SPIO/BEEO is directed to arrange for supply of the first 100 pages of the informations free of cost and provide the remaining information by realizing photocopying charges as applicable, within 15 (fifteen) days from date of receipt of this order. Alternately, the BEEO may fix 1 (one) hour time in each of the LP/UP Schools under his jurisdiction within 15 (fifteen) days from the receipt of this order and request the petitioner to visit those schools, inspect the particular documents, and select those documents which he wants to collect, submit a list of the same to each of the Head Masters so that the Head Masters can provide him photocopies of those pages. The provision to provide the first 100 pages free of cost and furnishing the remaining pages by realising photocopy charges shall remain applicable. The dates of inspection shall be fixed according to the convenience of the Head Masters concerned. The appellant is directed to collect the informations sought**

accordingly. The entire process shall be carried out within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this order. The SPIO, O/o the BEEO, Katigorah, shall submit an Action Taken Report on this order to the Commission on the expiry of the 15-day period

5. 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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Secretary & Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

**Memo No. SIC/CCR.15/2021**

**Dated: 04-10-2021**

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2. First Appellate Authority/O/o the BEEO, Katigorah, Hilara, PIN Code 788815, Assam, for information.
3. The petitioner, Shri Bilal Ahmed Barbhuiya, Vill. & P.O. Lahamali, P.S. Katigorah, PIN Code 788805, Distt. Cachar, Assam, for information and necessary action.
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