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**Case No. : SIC/OS.3/2022**  
**Complainant/ Appellant : Prof. Sarangadhar Baral**  
**Respondent : SPIO, O/o the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Education (Higher), Department, Dispur, Guwahati**  
**Date of Hearing : 22/02/2022**  
**Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,**  
**Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

**O R D E R**  
**22/02/2022**

1. The petitioner Prof. Sarangadhar Baral has filed one RTI petition before the SPIO, Office of the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Education (Higher), Department, Dispur, Guwahati on 10.12.2021 seeking information on if any action has been taken on the letter submitted to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Education (Higher) Department in respect of opening my GPF Account.
2. On non receipt of any information, the petitioner filed a complaint petition u/s 18 of the RTI Act,2005 before the Commission on 12.1.2022. Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
3. The petitioner requested before the Commission to appear through video conferencing which is allowed and accordingly the link was given to him.
4. The SPIO in spite of receiving the Commission notice dated 10.2.2022 failed to appear at the hearing, he has also failed to submit any written statement in this regard because of this the hearing could not be taken up today.
5. The SPIO is given one more chance to appear personally at the hearing otherwise penal action as per Section 18 and 20 of the RTI Act,2005 will be taken in absence.
6. Fix 25.02.2022 at 12:15 PM as the next date of hearing. The SPIO of Higher Education Department is directed to remain personally present on the next date of hearing.

(Dr. A.P. Rout)

Authenticated true copy.

Secretary & Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd. 22.2.2022**

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, O/o the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Education (Higher) Department, Dispur, Guwahati 06 for information and necessary action as ordered above. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
2. The petitioner Prof Sarangadhar Baral, Department of English, Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram 796004 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

Secretary & Registrar  
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