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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, Higher Education Department, Dispur
Date of Hearing : 02/03/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P. Rout,
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
02/03/2022

1. In continuation of earlier order dated 25.2.2022 the SPIO, Sri Kumud Chandra Das, Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department has submitted a report stating that letter of this Commission was received by the Computer Operator, but he was unable to furnish any record regarding dispatch to the SPIO for which SPIO could not take any action.
2. It is quite unfortunate that the Under Secretary & SPIO instead of bringing this to the notice of the Principal Secretary to fix responsibility, has casually mentioned that the letter is not received by his office. It is total callousness and avoiding of the responsibility.

Since he is functioning of behalf of the Principal Secretary, the matter should have been brought to the notice of the Principal Secretary and necessary action could have been taken in tracing the letter.

3. Coming to the reply of the RTI petition, the SPIO has sent a casual letter to the petitioner stating that The Higher Education Department, Assam issued a letter to the Director of Higher Education (DHE), Kahilipara, Guwahati requesting to submit No Objection Certificate regarding opening of GPF vide letter No. AHE.229/2020/9 dated 7.7.2021.

But after that, no further communication from the DHE, or from the Department, has been made so far, as per records available.

4. Since the SPIO has personally got the enclosures in the last date of hearing, he is directed by the Commission to come prepared in the next date of hearing with meaningful reply to the petitioner.
5. **Fix 22.3.2022 at 11:15 AM as the next date of hearing.**

Mark authenticated copies to all concerned.

Sd/-
(Dr. A.P. Rout)

Authenticated true copy.

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Copy to:

1. The Commissioner & Secretary, Higher Education Department, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati for information.
2. The SPIO, Office of 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.
3. The petitioner Prof Sarangadhar Baral, Department of English, Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram 796004 over email for information. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing through video conferencing.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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