

Case No. : SIC/KP(M).3/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Dhiren Baishya
Respondent : SPIO/O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Assam
State Zoo Division, Guwahati
Date of Hearing : 02/03/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr.A.P.Rout
Appeal heard by : State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
02/03/2022

1. The petitioner Sri Dhiren Baishya has filed one RTI petition before the Principal Chief Conservator Forest, Wildlife, Assam, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati on 14.9.2021 seeking following information:
(a) Information relating to educational qualification of Dr. Bijoy Gogoi, Priyakanta Borbora, Kulesh Deka and Digambor Boro working in the Assam State Zoo.
(b) Information relating to date of appointment of the above mentioned employees of the Assam State Zoo.
2. On non receipt of any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority, O/o the PCCF, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife worden, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari on 27.10.2021 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 28.12.2021.
Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
3. The petitioner is absent without any intimation which is against the decorum of the Commission because the hearing date is fixed only on his application and he should have minimum decorum to intimate the Commission on his absence from the hearing.
4. The Public Authority is represented by Dr. Priyasa Saikia, Assistant Conservator of Forest cum SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo,Guwahati.
5. The SPIO of the Office of PCCF, WL & CWLW has submitted a written statement dated 4/2/2022 wherein she has mentioned that information to the petitioner was dispatched on 8.11.2021 through ordinary post but the Commission notices that the petitioner filed his 2nd appeal petition on 28.12.2021 i.e. one month twenty days after dispatch of the letter. Since the SPIO sent the letter through ordinary post she is not in a position to intimate on which date the information was delivered to the petitioner.
6. The Commission directs the SPIO to furnish the information to the petitioners through registered post in future.
7. Since functioning of Postal Department is normally satisfactory, the Commission cannot think that the letter dispatched on 8.11.2021 would not have reached the petitioner on or before 28.12.2021.
8. The absence of the petitioner from the hearing also cast doubt on the receipt of the above letter.
9. In view of the above, the case is disposed off and directs the Registry to take a note of this case.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 02.03.2022

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo Division, Guwahati 5 for information and necessary action.
2. The petitioner Shri Dhiren Baishya, Nizarapar (Kailashpur), P.O. Odalbakra, Kamrup M. Guwahati 34 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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