

**Case No.** : SIC/KP(M).283/2021  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma.  
**Respondent** : The SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati.  
**Date of Hearing** : 07-03-2022  
**Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by** : Dr. Samudra G. Kashyap.  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**07-03-2022**

1. The appellant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma is present.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati. But the Commission has received copy of a letter No. KRN/RTI/1/2021/ dated 14.02.2022 written to the appellant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma containing the informations that he had sought vide his RTI application dated 13.03.2020.
3. During today's hearing which was held despite the absence of the SPIO, but taking into consideration the above-mentioned, letter the complainant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma stated that he has felt considerably harassed and affected due to inordinate delay in the disposal of his RTI application dated 13.03.2020. The complainant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma also pointed out that while the SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati, chose to sit on his RTI application for close to 2 (two) years, it was only when he filed a complaint in the Commission that the SPIO woke up to hurriedly provide him the information. The complainant also pointed out that the information provided to him against query No.4 of his RTI application was misleading. The information against his query No.6 is also untrue, he claimed, because while he (complainant) had wanted to know whether the Schedule of fees or Table/Chart of fees was hanged in the notice board for public view, the information given was entirely different.
4. The complainant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma during today's hearing stated that he has been compelled to run from pillar to post to get response to his RTI application and to get the information sought thereof prior to filing a complaint in the Commission on 03.09.2021. It was only after the Commission sent out a notice of hearing that the process of furnishing informations was expedited by the SPIO, the appellant stated. The complainant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma pointed out that this delay and allegedly lackadaisical attitude of the SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati, was in gross violation and disrespect of provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, which specifically lays down a timeline for furnishing information. He also prayed for invoking provisions of Section 18 and Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005, and to take appropriate action against the SPIO.
5. In view of the serious nature of complaint that the complainant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma has leveled against the SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati during today's hearing, the SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati, is once again directed to submit a written statement explaining why penalty shall not be imposed on him/her and why disciplinary action shall not be recommended against him/her under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 for his/her

failure to furnish the sought for information within the stipulated time period as laid down in the RTI Act, 2005. The written statement should reach the Commission within 21 (twenty-one) days from the date of receipt of this order.

6. Since the complainant Shri Pranjal Kr. Sarma has also alleged that he has been furnished misleading information against query No. 4 and 6 of his RTI application, as such the SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati, is also directed to furnish a detailed report clarifying his/her position vis-à-vis the complaint within 21 (twenty-one) days from the receipt of this order. A copy of this order be marked to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro), for information.
7. Fix 19.04.2022 at 11:20 AM as the next date of hearing.
8. This order shall constitute the notice of hearing.

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

Authenticated true copy.

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Secretary & Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dated: 07-03-2022**

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1. The SPIO, O/o the Senior Sub-Registrar, Registration Branch, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati, PIN Code 781001 for information and necessary action. He/she is directed to present his/her case personally in the next date of hearing.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro), Panbazar, Guwahati, PIN Code 781001, for information.
3. The petitioner, Shri Pranjal Kumar Sarma, S/o Lt. Trailokya Nath Sarma, R/O. H.NO.16, Nabin Nagar (Janapath), Guwahati, PIN Code 781024, Assam, for information and necessary action. He is directed to present his case personally in the next date of hearing.
4. Computer section for uploading in the website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

  
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Assam Information Commission.