

**Case No.** : SIC/KP(R).7/2021  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed  
**Respondent** : The SPIO, O/o the District Elementary Education Officer, Kamrup District Circle, Dadara, PIN Code-781104.  
**Date of Hearing** : 18-03-2021  
**Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by** : Shri Samudra G. Kashyap.  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**18-03-2021**

1. The appellant Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed is present. He is also accompanied by Shri Sahidul Islam, Advocate, who has also submitted a Vakalatnama.
2. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Damodar Choudhury, SPIO, District Elementary Education Officer, Kamrup, Amingaon, Shri Nitya Prasad Mahanta, Block Elementary Education Officer, Chamaria and assisted by Shri Rosidur Zaman, S.A., Block Elementary Education Office, Chamaria, Kamrup. The SPIO has also submitted a written statement No. DEEO/K/A/RTI/2020/2856 dated 18.03.2021.
3. From perusal of records it is seen that the appellant Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed had submitted an RTI application to the SPIO, O/o the District Elementary Education Officer, Kamrup District Circle, on 26.06.2020, seeking information under 6 (six) queries related to 10 (ten) different educational institutions under jurisdiction of the BEEO, Chamaria, Kamrup.
4. The SPIO in his written statement has submitted that after receiving the RTI application of the appellant Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed on 26.06.2020, his office had transferred the petition to the concerned offices – (i) Inspector of Schools, Kamrup District Circle, Kamrup and (ii) BEEO, Chamaria, Kamrup – based on the schools falling under the jurisdiction of these offices, on 09.04.2021, with a request to dispose the matter immediately and furnish the information sought for. It has been also mentioned in the written statement that three schools under jurisdiction of the BEEO, Chamaria, have already provided the informations to the appellant. The appellant Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed also confirmed about the receipt of information from the three schools.
5. The SPIO, Shri Damodar Choudhury and the BEEO, Chamaria, Shri Nitya Prasad Mahanta have assured during the hearing that the informations from the remaining 7 institutions would be provided to the appellant as early as possible. The appellant Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed and his advocate Shri Sahidul Islam however pointed out that they have been running from pillar to post since the submission of the RTI application on 26.06.2020, in order to access the information sought for. The appellant also pointed out about the “inordinate delay” in providing the information as per the stipulated time-frame provided in the RTI Act, 2005, and prayed for action as provided by the Act.
6. The Commission is constrained to put on record the fact that there has been considerable delay in furnishing the informations to the appellant despite the specific

time-frame provided in the RTI Act, 2005. The attention of the District Elementary Education Officer, Kamrup, is drawn to the fact that the Heads of the institution which were directed by the SPIO on 09.07.2021 to furnish the informations had shown little respect to the rights of the citizen who have sought certain information under provisions of the RTI Act more than 8 (eight) months ago. The District Elementary Education Officer is thus directed to take necessary steps against the erring officials under the service rules applicable to them, of the respective institutions who have become deemed PIO under provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, on the strength of the letters issued by the SPIO on 09.07.2021. The SPIO is also directed to ensure that citizens seeking information under the RTI Act, 2005, are not unnecessarily deprived of information or are subjected to delay in furnishing information, because the Act has laid down specific time-frame for furnishing information to the citizens.

7. In view of the above, the SPIO is directed to ensure that the informations sought for by the appellant Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed are provided to him without fail within 20.04.2021, free of cost. The SPIO, O/o the District Elementary Education Officer, Kamrup District Circle is also directed to apprise the Commission immediately on furnishing of the informations.
8. In view of the above, the 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/KP(R).7/2021**

**Dated: 18-03-2021**

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3. The First Appellate Authority/ O/o the Block Elementary Education Officer, Chamaria, Kamrup, Guwahati-781029, for information.
4. The petitioner, Shri Sonar Uddin Ahmed, Vill. Bhakhuradia, P.O. & P.S. Nagarbera, Distt. Kamrup(R), PIN Code. 781127, for information.
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