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Case No. : SIC/KAN.23/2021
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Binose Phura.
Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Asstt. Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, KAAC, Hamren, Karbi Anglong, Assam.
Date of Hearing : 31-03-2022
Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by : Dr. Samudra G. Kashyap.
State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
31-03-2022

1. The appellant Shri Binose Phura is present.
2. Shri Manomohan Mazumdar, PIO, O/o the Supdt. FCS & CA, KAAC, Hamren, and Shri Lakhi Kanta Thakuria, Secretary, M/s Hamren Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd. are present. The PIO, O/o the Asstt. Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, KAAC, Hamren, has also submitted a written statement dated 30.03.2022 comprising 3 (three) pages.
3. From records it is seen that Shri Binose Phura had submitted one RTI application on 19.08.2021 to the PIO seeking certain information related to the FSC & CA Department, Hamren. On 26.10.2021, the PIO transferred the said application to the M/s Hamren Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd., which is more than 2 (two) months from the date of submission of the RTI application. Meanwhile on 23.09.2021 the appellant had submitted one 1st Appeal and on not getting any response even after the transfer of his RTI application, the appellant submitted a 2nd Appeal in the Commission on 26.11.2021.
4. During today's hearing Shri Manomohan Majumdar, PIO, O/o the Asstt. Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, KAAC, Hamren, said that the RTI application could not be disposed on time because of lack of manpower in the office and also due to increasing workload including rising number of RTI applications received. The RTI Act, 2005, however has clearly laid down a time-frame for disposal of RTI applications and it is expected that the SPIO/PIOs dispose RTI applications within the said time-frame. The PIO, O/o the Asstt. Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, KAAC, Hamren, is hereby reminded that such delay will not be accepted in the future and the Commission will consider recommending action according to the provisions laid down in the Act. The PIO shall on his part draw attention of his Department to the acute manpower shortage as stated so that RTI applications are disposed of in a timely manner.
5. During today's hearing the Secretary, M/s Hamren Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd. stated that the information can be given within the next 7 (seven) days. The Secretary, M/s Hamren Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd., is also hereby reminded that in the future RTI applications should be disposed of within the time-frame laid down in the Act.
6. **The Secretary, M/s Hamren Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd., is directed to furnish the informations free of cost to the appellant within 7 (seven) days from the date of receipt of this order. He shall also obtain an acknowledgement receipt duly signed by the appellant. A copy of this order be marked to the Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Assam and also to the Principal Secretary, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, for information and necessary action.**
7. With the above order, this 2nd Appeal is hereby disposed of.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Secretary & Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KAN.23/2021

Dated: 31-03-2022

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, M/s Hamren Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd., P.O. Hamren, P.S. Hamren, Distt. Karbi Anglong, Assam, for information and necessary action.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Asstt. Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, KAAC, Hamren, Karbi Anglong, Assam, for information and necessary action.
3. The Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Assam, for information and necessary action.
4. The Principal Secretary, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, for information and necessary action.
5. First Appellate Authority/ O/o the Asstt. Director, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, KAAC, Hamren, Karbi Anglong, Assam, for information.
6. The petitioner, Shri Binose Phura, Vill. Rongkangtui, P.O. & P.S. Kheroni, Dist. West Karbi Anglong, Assam, PIN Code 782448, Assam, for information.
7. Computer section for uploading in the website.
8. Office File.
9. Order Book.



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