

**ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION****JONAKKEE COMPLEX, SHILPGRAM ROAD, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI- 781037**

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**Case No.** : SIC/KP(M).229/2021  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Md. Faruk Ahmed.  
**Respondent** : The SPIO, Panchayat & Rural Development Deptt.,  
Govt. of Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati, Assam.  
**Date of Hearing** : 07-04-2022  
**Complaint/ Second**  
**Appeal heard by** : Dr. Samudra G. Kashyap.  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**07-04-2022**

1. The appellant Md. Faruk Ahmed is present.
2. The SPIO, Panchayat & Rural Development Deptt., Govt. of Assam, Guwahati, Assam, is absent. But the Commission has received a written statement from the Joint Commissioner, O/o the Commissioner Panchayat & Rural Development Deptt., Govt. of Assam, dated 04.04.2022, in which it has been stated that the informations sought by the appellant Md. Faruk Ahmed vide his RTI application dated 01.03.2021 has been already furnished through registered post on 02.04.2022. A copy of the post office booking slip and copy of the informations provided to the appellant Md. Faruk Ahmed has been also enclosed with the written statement. The petitioner however said he is yet to receive the informations sent to him by registered post on 02.04.2022.
3. The Commission however notes with concern that while the appellant Md. Faruk Ahmed had submitted his RTI application on 26.02.2021, the Public Authority, in this case the SPIO, Panchayat & Rural Development Deptt. took more than one year to furnish the informations. It also appears that the information was furnished only after the appellant Md. Faruk Ahmed submitted a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal in this Commission, and also only after the Commission had issued a letter on 28.03.2022 fixing 07.04.2022 as the date of hearing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal. The RTI Act, 2005 specifically lays down a time-frame of one month for disposal of RTI applications. In the instant case, the SPIO, O/o the Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Assam, has blatantly violated the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be marked to the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development Department for information.
4. With the above order, this 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/KP(M).229/2021**

**Dated: 07-04-2022**

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1. The SPIO, Panchayat & Rural Development, Panjabari, Guwahati, Assam, PIN Code 781037, Assam for information.
2. The Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Panjabari, Guwahati, Assam, PIN Code 781037, Assam for information.
3. First Appellate Authority/ Commissionerate, Panchayat & Rural Development, Panjabari, Guwahati, PIN Code 781037, Assam, for information.
4. The petitioner, Md. Faruk Ahmed, C/o Md. Farjan Ahmed, Ananda Nagar (No.1), H. No 36, Noonmati, Guwahati, PIN Code 781020 Assam, for information and necessary action.
5. Computer section for uploading in the website.
6. Office File.
7. Order Book.



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