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Case No. : SIC/OS.8/2022 Complainant/ Appellant : Anil Goenka

Respondent : SPIO, Assam Tea Employees Provident Fund

Organisation (ATEPFO), Nidhi Bhawan, Silchar

Zonal Office, Silchar, 788001 Assam

SPIO, Assam Tea Employees Provident Fund

Organisation (ATEPFO), Nidhi Bhawan,

Basistha, Lalmati, NH 37, Guwahati 29 Assam

Date of Hearing : 16/06/2022 Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,

Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R 16/06/2022

- 1. The petitioner Sri Anil Goenka has filed one RTI petition before the PIO, Assam Tea Employees Provident Organisation (ATEPFO), Silchar Zonal Office, Silchar, Assam on 12.11.2021 seeking following information:
 - (a) Please supply me information regarding the current PF contribution amount for the period 10/9/20 to 31/10/21 collected through challan/bank transfer by you in the account of Dilkhoosh T.E. (PF A/c No. C/33) & Alynee & Naraindhar T.E.(PF A/c No. C/116) as and when received by you relating to the above tea estates and other statutory dues paid by the Second Party as per clause no.23 of the Deeds of Agreement dated 10/9/2020, photocopies of which were sent to me vide your letter no. PF/RTI/2021/86-87 dated 10/2/21 relating to 'Dilkhoosh Tea Estate, Alynee Tea Estate & Naraindhar Tea Estate'.
 - (b) Please provide me a certified copy of the statement and paid challans concerning the above tea estates with all the enclosures etc received by the First party to the above agreements.
 - Kindly provide me the above information as per Section2(f), 2(i) and 2(j) of the Right to Information Act,2005.
 - (ii) After receiving the documents, I wish to inspect all the files and records of the dilkhoosh Tea Estate, Alynee Tea Estate & Naraindhar Tea Estate at your office, as allowed under section 2(f),2(i) and 2(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 2. The SPIO of ATEPFO, Lalmati, NH 37, Guwahati sent a letter to the petitioner on 19.1.2022 to deposit a photocopy charge for the copies of documents.
- 3. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority, ATEPFO, Silchar Zonal Office, Silchar on 31.1.2022 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 18.4.2022.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.

- 4. The Public Authority is represented by Amrit Rajbongshi, Additional P.F. Commissioner & SPIO, ATEPFO, Guwahati accompanied by Joyraj Borah, Advocate. The SPIO has submitted a written statement dated 16.6.2022 which is taken into records.
- 5. The petitioner Sri Anil Goenka is absent. However, he has sent an email dated 7/6/2022 wherein he has mentioned that he is in Singapore and he wants to participate in the hearing over whatsapp.
- 6. The hearing was taken up over whatsapp, but because of incessant rainfall and grim flood situation in Guwahati as well as the distance between the Commission

- and the SPIO (Accompanied by his advocate) even when the mobile phone was on speaker mode, the contention of the petitioner was not audible.
- 7. Therefore, the Commission decides to hear the case on another date where the petitioner as well as the SPIO and his advocate (if he so desires) be present and come prepared with the issue relating to the RTI petition/reply.
- 8. Fix another date of hearing.

Authenticated copies to be given to all concerned.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/OS 8/2022

Dtd. 16.6.2022

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Assam Tea Employees Provident Fund Organisation (ATEPFO) Nidhi Bhawan, Silchar Zonal Office, Silchar 788001 Assam for information and necessary action. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
- 2. The SPIO, Assam Tea Employees Provident Fund Organisation (ATEPFO) Nidhi Bhawan, Basistha, Lalmati, NH 37, Guwahati 29 Assam for information and necessary action. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
- 3. The petitioner Sri Anil Goenka, 8 Bankim Mukherjee Sarani, New Alipore, Kolkata 700053 for information. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5. Office File.
- 6. Order Book.

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