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Case No. : SIC/KPM 155/2022 Complainant/ Appellant : Harinarayan Pathak

Respondent : SPIO, Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture

Department, Dispur, Guwahati 6

Date of Hearing : 13/06/2022 Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,

Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

# O R D E R

- 1. The petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak has filed one RTI petition before the SPIO, Handloom, Textiles Department, Dispur on 15.12.2021 seeking following information:
  - (i) Copy of the office order /notification in respect of Board of Directors as constituted by the Govt. of Assam in Handloom and Textiles Department, Dispur in respect of Assam Apex Weavers & Artisans Co-operative Federation Ltd. (ARTFED) with validity as on 15.12.2021.
  - (ii) Total investment of Govt. of Assam as share capital in Assam Apex Weavers & Artisans Co-operative Federation Ltd. (ARTFED) as on 15.12.2021 in documentary proof.
  - (iii) Copy of the latest minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of ARTFED.
  - (iv) Copy of the Gazette notification in respect of appointment of Shri Paragmoni Mahanta, ACS as the MD, ARTFED.
- 2. From the record, it is seen that the petition was forwarded to the Managing Director of ARTFED, Rehabari, Guwahati on 22.12.2021 with a direction to furnish the information in respect of point 1,2 and 3.
- 3. In the meantime, the petitioner filed 1<sup>st</sup> appeal before the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority of Handloom, Textiles and Sericulture Department, Dispur, Guwahati on 7.2.2022 then the 1<sup>st</sup> appeal petition was forwarded to the MD of ARTFED, Rehabari, Guwahati on 15.2.2022.
- 4. The petitioner then filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before the Commission on 18.4.2022 and accordingly the matter was taken up for hearing.
- 5. The petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak is present.
- The Public Authority is represented by Smti Mridusmita Borah, ACS, Deputy Secretary, Handloom Textiles & Sericulture Department and she is accompanied by Bipul Kalita, Secretary, ARTFED, Deputy Director, Handloom & Textiles, Assam.
- 7. The petitioner said that he has received the information relating to point no.4.
- 8. The I/c Secretary of ARTFED has furnished a copy of letter dated 10.6.2022 addressed to the Under Secretary, to the Govt. of Assam, Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Department, Dispur, Guwahati wherein it is mentioned that:-
  - (i) Copy of the office order/notification in respect of Board of Directors of ARTFED constituted by Govt. of Assam with validity as on 15.12.2021 is not available in ARTFED as no Board of Directors of ARTFED has been constituted by Govt. of Assam with validity as on aforesaid date.
  - (ii) There is no any record/document available at HO, ARTFED regarding investment of Govt. of Assam as share capital in ARTFED. Moreover, no any communication received from Govt. of Assam regarding investment as share capital in ARTFED till dated.

- (iii) No any latest minute of the meeting of the Board of Directors of ARTFED is available as there is no Board of Directors is currently existed in ARTFED. However copy of this was not marked to the petitioner.
- 9. The Commissions accepts the reply relating to point 1 and 3 and on point no.2, the Commission would like to order that if any record is available at the Department the SPIO should intimate the same to the petitioner within fifteen days.
- 10. In view of the above, the case is disposed off.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

## Memo No. SIC/KPM 155/2022

Dtd. 13.6.2022

## Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Handloom, Textiles and Sericulture Department, Dispur, Guwahati 06 Assam for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2. The petitioner Sri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati 781001 for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

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