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Case No. : SIC/CCR.84/2022
 Appellant : Sri Sahabuddin Barbhuiyan
 Respondent : The SPIO, O/o the Executive Engineer, PHE, Silchar Division-I
 Date of hearing : 08.06.2022
 Second Appeal heard by : Sri Kanak Ch. Sarma
 State Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R

08.06.2022

The appellant Sahab Uddin Barbhuiyan authorized one Umashankar Singh to represent him in today's hearing and accordingly he is present.

Sri Mukunda Madhab Borah, Asstt. Engineer (PHE) and SPIO, Silchar Division-I is present. He is assisted by Sri Biswajit Paul Choudhury, Senior Asstt. of that office.

Perused the case record. The appellant submitted one application dated 20.12.2021 under the RTI Act, 2005 before the SPIO, o/o the EE, PHE, Silchar Division-I seeking some informations. The PIO, o/o the EE, PHE, Silchar Division-I vide its letter no. EE/PHE/Estt/102/2021-22/6277 dated 28.01.2022 informed the appellant that the desired informations are available and ready for delivery in the office subject to deposition of Rs. 2000/- as documentisation charge of the desired informations. The appellant instead of depositing the said amount to receive the documents, preferred 1st appeal dated 25.02.2022 before the 1st appellate authority, o/o the EE, PHE, Silchar Division-I. Subsequently, the appellant through his letter dated 08.03.2022 wrote to the EE, PHE, Silchar Division-I that he is willing to deposit a sum of Rs. 2000/- being documentisation charge through banker cheque. The PIO, o/o the EE, PHE, Silchar Division-I through its letter no. EE/PHE/Estt/102/2021-22/1246 dated 06.04.2022 informed the appellant to deposit the amount online using Government Receipt Accounting System-GRAS. The appellant did not deposit the amount online using GRAS and rather preferred 2nd appeal dated 12.04.2022 before the Commission.

The representative of the appellant Sri Umashankar Singh submits orally that the PIO did not furnish the estimate for which Rs. 2000/- required to be deposited. Further he questions why demand draft or banker cheque can't be given by the appellant.

It is observed that this question should have been raised by the appellant on receipt of the letter from the PIO requesting him to deposit certain amount as documentisation fee. Further, he should have raised his contention why the required fee could not be deposited through demand draft or banker cheque on that situation. Instead of raising the contention before the PIO, it is raised today which is not relevant. Therefore, the Commission directs the appellant to deposit the required documentisation fee in a proper way as envisaged by the Government in Finance Department. The SPIO is directed to furnish the sought for informations on receipt of the required fee.

With the above directions, the petition dated 12.04.2022 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Kanak Ch. Sarma)
 State Information Commissioner, Assam
 Panjabari, Guwahati

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1. The SPIO, o/o the Executive Engineer, PHE, Silchar Division-I, Dist.- Cachar, Assam, Pin- 788 001 for information and necessary action.
2. The First Appellate Authority/o/o the Executive Engineer, PHE, Silchar Division-I, Dist.- Cachar, Assam, Pin- 788 001 for information.
3. The Appellant, Sri Sahab Uddin Barbhuiyan, Vill- Panchgori, PO- Meherpur, Dist.- Cachar, Assam, Pin- 788 015, Contact No. 9954064545 for information.
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