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Case No. : SIC/KPM 324/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Rajib Deka
**Respondent : SPIO, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural
Development, Assam, G.S.Road, Khanapara,
Guwahati 22**
Date of Hearing : 10/08/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
10/08/2022

1. The petitioner Shri Rajib Deka has filed one RTI petition before the SPIO, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development , GS Road, Khanapara, Guwahati on 5.4.2022 seeking following information:
 - (1) Please provide a certified photocopy of the AG audit and CA audit report of SIPRD Assam along with the extension centers from the financial year 2016-17 to 2021-22.
 - (2) Please provide the details of total budget provision, total ceiling received and total expenditure by SIPRD Assam from the financial year 2016-17 to 2021-22 (for SOPD, RIDF, NEC Fund, World Bank Fund, Other sponsored schemes fund).
 - (3) Please furnish the budget allocation, fund sanctioned, fund released (head/activity wise) to the extension offices and training centers from the financial year 2016-17 to 2021-22 for SOPD, RIDF, NEC fund, World Bank fund, Other sponsored schemes fund. (Please provide the photocopy of the respective sanctioned order)
 - (4) Please provide the details of expenditure of Govt. money relating to publications, IEC materials, booklet, Annual Report etc and Please provide the tender procedure adopted for the aforesaid works, paper advertisement details, Assam Tender Portal uploaded details, copy of comparative statement and name of the selected parties from the financial year 2016-17 to 2021-22.
2. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority, SIPRD, G.S.Road, Khanapara, Guwahati on 23.5.2022 and then he filed a complaint petition u/s 18(1) of the RTI Act,2005 before the Commission on 29.6.2022.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
3. The petitioner Shri Rajib Deka is present.
4. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Anupam Dutta, Deputy Director & PIO, SIPRD, Assam and he is accompanied by Shri Heramba Nath, Administrative Officer, SIPRD, Assam.
5. The petitioner says that he has not got the information. On perusal of the reply given by the officer of SIPRD, it is seen that the Joint Director (Admin), SIPRD, Assam has replied to the petitioner vide letter dated 2.5.2022 wherein he has mentioned that it will take some more time in furnishing the information due to pre-occupation with some other priority works.
6. Shri M.Sharma, ACS, Director of SIRD, Assam, Khanapara has sent a reply to the petitioner on 26.7.2022 stating that the documents are voluminous and due to shortage of time it will take some more time to estimate the cost and on deposit of fees the information will be furnished.

7. When it was pointed out to the present SPIO Shri Anupam Dutta on the deformities i.e., the reply under RTI Act, 2005 should be from the SPIO and reply on 1st appeal should be from 1st Appellate Authority, not by the designation of the Officer, the present SPIO said that he has recently been designated as SPIO vide letter no. SIPRD-44/2018/164 dated 11.7.2022 and this happened before the joining.

Therefore, the Commission will not invoke the provision of Section 20 (penalty) of the RTI Act, 2005 and will order that the SPIO to fix a convenient date and call the petitioner to the office of SIPRD, Khanapara, Guwahati to facilitate inspection of the records and provide necessary copies free of cost, as no cost can be realized after thirty days of the receipt of the RTI petition.

8. The Commission also advises the SPIO as well as 1st Appellate Authority to read the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 while dealing with the RTI petitions as well as the 1st appeal petitions received from public.
9. The case is disposed off.

Authenticated copies to be given to all concerned.

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

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Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M).324/2022

Dtd. 10.08.2022

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, G.S.Road, Khanapara, Guwahati 22 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. The petitioner Shri Rajib Deka, Assam Public Works, 5(B), Subansari Apartment, P.O. Zoo Road Tiniali,, Guwahati 24 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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