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Case No. : SIC/KPM 362/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO/ Assistant Commissioner of Taxes, Unit D,
Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati 06
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 Joydeb Das has filed one RTI petition before the PIO, Commissioner of Taxes, Kar Bhawan, Dispur on 4.5.2022 seeking following information:
 - (i) Please furnish market price of Huller Mill (Raja Brand) with accessories and inclusive VAT during the period 2016-17.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati forwarded the RTI petition to the Assistant Commissioner of Taxes, Guwahati, Unit D on 26.5.2022 with a direction to furnish the sought for information to the petitioner.
3. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority, Commissioner of Taxes, Kar Bhawan Dispur on 13.6.2022 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 16.7.2022.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
4. The petitioner Shri Joydeb Das is present.
5. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Shantanu Dhar, Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, Guwahati Zone A & SPIO, Kar Bhawan, Dispur.
6. The SPIO said that he is unable to trace the letter which is asked by the petitioner.
7. In the meantime, the petitioner has enclosed an AG Report which quoted as follows:

Quote. Audit also observed that the prevailing market rate of the said brand and specifications (together with the accessories) was Rs. 0.40 lakh (inclusive of VAT) as per information obtained and furnished by the Superintendent of Taxes, Unit D, Guwahati. Further, scrutiny also revealed that the proprietor/bidder of all the three firms was one (Shri Dilip Kumar Das, the approved supplier) and the same was in the knowledge of the Directorate. *Unquote.*

Relying on AG Report he intimated that there has to be a letter when the price list was issued in the year 2016.
8. The SPIO says that the reference of the letter quoted by AG is not mentioned in the RTI petition, for which it takes time in searching the sought letter.
9. Hearing both the petitioner as well as the SPIO, the Commission decides that the SPIO to take adequate steps in tracing out the letter where the price is mentioned Rs 0.40 lakh for Raja Brand Huller Machine.

10. The case is disposed off.

Authenticated copies to be given to all concerned.

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

Authenticated true copy.

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Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 10.08.2022

Copy to:

1. The SPIO/ Assistant Commissioner of Taxes, Unit D, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati 6 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. The petitioner Shri Joydeb Das, S/o Lt. Karunamoy Das, H. No. 16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Guwahati 25 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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