

**OFFICE OF THE  
ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION**

**JONAKKEE COMPLEX, SHILPGRAM ROAD, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI- 781037**  
Phone : (0361) 2332704, 2337900, 2331193 :: Fax : 2332704 :: email : secretary.sicassam@gmail.com

**Case No. : SIC/KPM 323/2022**  
**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 the name of the Joint Director, Principal and Officer i/c of SIPRD, Assam since 2016-17 onwards.
  - (2) Please provide the details of all tenders, EOI, NIQ, Procurement through GeM for procurement of goods, supply of goods to beneficiary, Civil Works under SIPRD, Assam including all extension centres from F.Y, 2016-17 to 2021-22 along with the certified photocopies of approved estimates of each work and technical sanction.
  - (3) Please furnish the details of various trainings conducted by SIPRD, Assam specifying name of the training, residential or non-residential training, number of participants, total expenditure of each training from the F.Y. 2016-17 to 2021-2.
  - (4) Please furnish the photocopies of Cheque issue Register, PFMS Register, Fixed Asset Register, Bill Register of every scheme/projects from the F.Y. 2016-17 to 2021-22..
2. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1<sup>st</sup> appeal before the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 on RTI Act,2005 should be from the SPIO and reply on 1<sup>st</sup> appeal should be from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

Authenticated copies to be given to all concerned.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-  
Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

**Memo No. SIC/KP(M).323/2022**

**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.

Registrar  
Assam Information Commission