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Case No. : SIC/KPM 391/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Harinarayan Pathak
Respondent : SPIO, Revenue & Disaster Management
Department, Dispur, Guwahati 06
Date of Hearing : 25/08/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
25/08/2022

1. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak has filed one RTI petition before the SPIO, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Dispur on 18.4.2022 seeking following information:
(1) Action Taken Reports in Documentary Proofs, including respective File Notings & relevant Public Documents in respect of the Notice published in The Assam Tribune, Guwahati on 5.12.2020 vide Janasanyog/D/777/20.
(2) Inspection of the respective office file, in respect of the Notice as referred to at the query no.1 above; and obtainance of the Public Documents as identified during inspections.
2. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the First Appellate Authority, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Dispur on 27.5.2022 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 22.7.2022.
Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
3. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak is absent.
4. The Public Authority is represented by Shri Ananda Kumar Das, ACS, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam and SPIO, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Dispur.
5. The SPIO has submitted a written statement dated 25.8.2022 wherein it is mentioned that the RTI petition was not traceable in his office. However, on getting the notice of 2nd appeal hearing, he made an attempt to dig out the Notice published in The Assam Tribune, Guwahati on 5.12.2020 vide Janasanyog/D/777/20 from Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Dispur and found that this advertisement relates to advertisement published by the Office of Deputy Commission, Lakhimpur for recruitment of Driver (Gr-III). Interestingly, they noticed that the reference of the letter (quoted by the petitioner) i.e., Janasanyog/D/777/20 Dated 5.12.2020 published in The Assam Tribune actually relates to publication of the advertisement vide same number in Dainik Purvoday.
6. Further the SPIO of Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Dispur stated that this is in no way connected with the recruitment process of his Department.
7. **The Commission heard as many as five number of 2nd appeals of the petitioners today. From this it is clear that the petitioner is a regular and habitual RTI seeker. Hence, the Commission would like to note the irresponsibility of the petitioner in submitting RTI petition by quoting a wrong letter with which the Department is no way related and thereby wasting the time and resources of the Government Department and also in wasting the time and resources of the Commission and also blocking and delaying genuine petitioners who have serious issues relating to larger**

public interest or their personal issues viz. pension and other similar matter.

8. Therefore, the Commission would like to warn the petitioner for the last time to desist from filing such factually wrong RTI petitions and apparently not relating to any public interest and following up with the 2nd appeals in future. Otherwise, the Commission will be compel to take punitive action in larger public interest and interest of genuine RTI petitioners.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KPM.391/2022

Dtd. 25.08.2022

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, Revenue & Disaster Management Dispur, Guwahati 6 for information.
2. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati 01 for information.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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