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ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

Case No. : SIC/KPM 401/2022

Complainant/ Appellant: Shri Harinarayan Pathak

Respondent : SPIO, Assam Industrial Development Corporation

Ltd., R.G. Baruah Road, Guwahati 781024

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, Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., R.G.Baruah Road, Guwahati 24 on 29.4.2022 seeking following information:
 - (1) Copy of the UNDERSTANDING being signed in between Shri Adil Khan, IAS, MD, AIDC Ltd. and Shri Moloy Ranjan Thakur, the Authorized Person of the Official Liquidator Shri Kuldeep Verma, Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., in respect of purchase of 2 number of closed paper mills located at Jagirod and Panchgram at the cost of Rs.375 Crores signed on 28.3.2022, as appears in the News letter as State Govt. Acquires Paper Mill Assets published in the Assam Tribune, Guwahati Published in 29.3.2022.
 - (2) Documentary proofs in respect of payments in terms of the UNDERSTANDING dated 28.3.2022.
 - (3) File Notings together with relevant Public Documents, leading to the Understanding dated 28.3.2022.
- 2. The PIO of AIDC sent a reply to the petitioner on 26.5.2022 furnishing the information.
- 3. Reportedly on not being satisfied with the information received, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the First Appellate Authority, Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., R.G.Baruah Road, Guwahati on 2.6.2022 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 29.7.2022.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.

- 4. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak is present.
- 5. The SPIO of Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (AIDC) Shri J.P.Deori, DM(T) has submitted a written statement dated 23.8.2022 wherein it is mentioned that the SPIO has submitted point wise replies to the petitioner on 25.5.2022.
- 6. It is not understood why after getting such clear reply, the petitioner submitted 1st appeal petition vide letter dated 2.6.2022. However, it is mentioned in the written statement that the First Appellate Authority has considered 1st appeal petition and has also submitted written order to the petitioner vide order dated 28.6.2022 and surprisingly after getting this also and without any justification and by just writing *quote* In response to my RTI Application No. 1819 Dated 29.4.2022 for the information based on Newspaper's captive News Item published on 29.3.2022, Designated SPIO of the Public Authority has denied furnishing of the sought for information vide letter dated 26.5.2022 enclosing therewith the Annexure A as furnished by him his decision/reply Undated (Annexure 2 a), on verification, found inappropriate and unsatisfactory, leading to submit the 1st appeal petition vide letter dated 2.6.2022 addressed to the Designated F.A.A. as quoted by the Designated SPIO.

That sir in response to my First Appeal petition, Designated F.A.A. had given his decision vide order dated 28.6.2022 found unsatisfactory without order to access the required information; and being aggrieved leading to this 2nd appeal petition U/S 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 for Justice. *Unquote* submitted 2nd appeal before the Commission on 29.7.2022.

- 7. From the above, it is clear that the petitioner without any valid reason has submitted 2nd appeal petition and wasted the time of the Commission in hearing 2nd appeal petition which does not merit any adjudication.
- 8. Today as many as five 2nd appeal petitions of Shri Harinarayan Pathak have been taken up for hearing.
 - The Commission considers it to be a blatant act of the petitioner in violating the RTI Act,2005 and wasting the time and resources of the Government Organization as well as the Commission.
- 9. Therefore, the Commission directs the petitioner to submit a written statement why no action should be taken against him for violating the RTI Act which is a noble and People friendly Act.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KPM.401/2022

Dtd. 25.08.2022

Copy to:

- 1. The SPIO, Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., R.G.Baruah Road, Guwahati 24 for information.
- 2. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati 01 for information and necessary action.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.
- 5. Order Book.

Registrar
Assam Information Commission