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Case No. : SIC/KPM 320/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Joydeb Das
Respondent : SPIO, Gauhati University, Gopinath Bardoloi Nagar,
Jalukbari, Guwahati 14
Date of Hearing : 23/08/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
23/08/2022

1. The petitioner Shri Joydeb Das has filed one RTI petition before the PIO, Gauhati University, Jalukbari, Guwahati on 27.5.2022 seeking following information:
(1) Please furnish in details of fund received (copy of relevant documents) for project of Centre for Brahmaputra Studies along with details statement of expenditure, progress report till date.
(2) Please furnish in details of (copy of relevant records) procedure following of above such project.
2. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority, Gauhati University, Jalukbari, Guwahati 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.
3. The petitioner Shri Joydeb Das is present.
4. The Public Authority is represented by Dr. Prasanta Barman, Deputy Registrar & SPIO, Gauhati University.
5. The PIO has submitted a written statement dated 22.8.2022 which is taken into records.
6. The information was provided to the petitioner on 28.6.2022 by the PIO of Gauhati University, Guwahati 14.
7. The petitioner has filed a complaint against non furnishing of information before the Registrar of Gauhati University on 1.7.2022 stating that the reply furnished are incomplete. The following anomalies are noticed in reply furnished.
Query No.1 Kindly furnish details work wise expenditure incurred with work wise progress report till date.
Query No.2 Please furnish under which Govt. rules and procedures followed for implementation of such project viz. NIT, Newspaper advertisement, Technical sanction, Estimate, Comparative Statement, Work Order, Bill etc.
8. In the meantime, the petitioner got a reply from the First Appellate Authority, Gauhati University, Guwahati on 1.8.2022 which the petitioner says is only regarding the expenditure statement but does not mention anything about technical sanction, estimate, comparative statement, work order etc.
9. On questioning, the SPIO said that they (SPIO as well as First Appellate Authority) have submitted the reply as per strict interpretation of the meaning of the word used in the RTI petition as well as in the complaint petition.

10. There seems to be a communication gap between petitioner and SPIO/1st Appellate Authority in strict interpretation of the word used in the RTI petition and the Complaint petition, hence the Commission allows seven days time during which the petitioner will visit the SPIO, tell exactly what information he wants as per his petitions and inspect the documents and collect the relevant copies/documents upto twenty five pages free of cost and remaining if any on payment.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 23.08.2022

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1. The SPIO, Gauhati University, Gopinath Bardoloi Nagar, Guwahati 14 information and necessary action.
2. The petitioner Shri Joydeb Das, S/o Lt. Karunamoy Das, H.No.16, Ambari Fatashil, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Guwahati 25 for information and necessary action.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

Registrar
Assam Information Commission