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Case No.	: SIC/KPM.10/2022
Appellant	: Sri Anupam Hazarika
Respondent	: The SPIO, O/o the Managing Director, Assam State Transport Corporation
Date of hearing	: 05.07.2022
Second Appeal heard by	: Sri Kanak Ch. Sarma State Information Commissioner, Assam

<u>O R D E R</u> 10 08 2022

The appellant Sri Anupam Hazarika is present.

Sri Dipak Tamuli, Personnel Officer i/c, and ASPIO, ASTC is present along with Sri Abhijit Sarma, Asstt. Law Officer.

The appellant submits orally that he is satisfied with the information so received through letter no. ASTC/HO/RTI-2005/DT/230/3825 dated 23.12.2021. However, he expresses his contention and dissatisfaction in respect of point numbers 8, 9, 10 and 11 of his petition dated 21.10.2021.

Perused the case record. The appellant Sri Anupam Hazarika submitted one application dated 21.10.2021 under the RTI Act, 2005 before the SPIO of ASTC, HO seeking certain informations. He received some informations vide letter no. ASTC/HO/RTI-2005/DT/230/3246 dated 22.11.2021 from the SPIO of ASTC. Being dissatisfied, he submitted 1st appeal dated 26.11.2021 before the 1st appellate authority of ASTC. Thereafter, he received some informations from the SPIO of ASTC vide letter no. ASTC/HO/RTI-2005/DT/230/3825 dated 23.12.2021. Being dissatisfied, he preferred 2nd appeal dated 08.01.2022 before the Commission.

The SPIO of ASTC, HO has submitted written statement through letter no. ASTC/HO/RTI-2005/DT/230/297 dated 05.07.2022. It is submitted with regard to point numbers 8, 9 and 10 of his petition dated 21.10.2021 that several Title suits, Writ Petitions/Revision petitions (Civil) are pending before the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court as well as different subordinate courts in the state of Assam wherein the litigation is related to ASTC land between ASTC and private individual for which disclosure of any informations regarding land owned by ASTC at this stage may not be appropriate or proper until the final decision is passed by Hon'ble Court of Law. Moreover, such disclosure may attract contempt of court or mislead the court procedure, as the applicant Sri Anupam Hazarika professionally belongs to media sector who claimed himself as Editor-in-Chief of 'NeTIME India' in the application submitted by him. If the matter is so, the SPIO is directed to inform the petitioner about different cases pending in the different courts of Assam including Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and in respect of land in different places belonging to ASTC. The information of land which are not under litigation in any court of law should be furnished as these are matter of record maintained by ASTC. In respect of point number 11 of the petition, the SPIO is directed to furnish the informations about the expenditure incurred by ASTC for various advertisement without means of payment to different parties.

With the above direction, the 2nd appeal dated 08.01.2022 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Kanak Ch. Sarma) State Information Commissioner, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati

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- 1. The SPIO, O/o the Managing Director, Assam State Transport Corporation, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati- 781 008 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority/office of the Managing Director, Assam State Transport Corporation, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati- 781 008 for information.
- 3. The Appellant, Sri Anupam Hazarika, NeTIME India, H/No. 55, Rukmini Nagar Path, Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati- 6, Contact No. 7002365482 for information.
- 4. Computer Section for uploading the order in the Website.
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Dtd.10.08.2022