

**Case No.** : SIC/KPM 408/2022  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Sri Joydeb Das  
**Respondent** : SPIO, O/o the Chief Engineer, Public Health  
Engineering Department, Water, Hengrabari,  
Guwahati 35  
The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Director, Key  
Resource Center (KRC), JJM, Betkuchi,  
Guwahati 35  
**Date of Order** : 30/09/2022  
**Complaint/ Second** : Dr. A.P.Rout,  
**Appeal heard by** State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**30/09/2022**

1. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das has filed one RTI petition before the PIO, O/o the Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineer Department, Assam, Hengrabari, Guwahati 36 on 31.5.2022 seeking following information:
  - (1) Please furnish whether PHE (WSSO) has procured Spectrometer testing kits during the period 2014-15 to till date, if yes, please furnish following details:
    - (a) Please furnish digitally in pendrive documents submitted by the responsive and non-responsive bidders in technical and financial bid.
    - (b) Please furnish year wise statement viz. name of the scheme, numbers of spectrometer procured, distributed, price, supplier name and fund involved and released.
    - (c) Please furnish a copy of comparative statement of price bid, minutes of the purchase committee and bill.
    - (d) Please furnish whether market price has verified with the price which was declared by the bidder in bid before contract award, if yes, please furnish a copy of the same.
    - (e) Please allow for inspection of sample which was submitted by the responsive and non-responsive bidders under section 2(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Chief Engineer (PHE), Water, Assam, Hengrabari, Guwahati 36 forwarded the RTI petition to the SPIO, O/o the Deputy Director of Key Resource Center (KRC), JJM, Betkuchi, Guwahati on 10.6.2022.
3. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal before the First Appellate Authority/ Chief Engineer, PHE Department, Assam, Hengrabari, Guwahati on 4.7.2022.
4. The First Appellate Authority cum Chief Engineer (PHE), Water, Assam, Hengrabari, Guwahati sent a reply to the petitioner on 5.8.2022 wherein it is mentioned that no spectrometer testing kit has been procured till date.
5. The petitioner then filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before the Commission on 17.8.2022 and accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
6. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das is present.
7. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Tapan Sharma, SPIO, O/o the Chief Engineer (PHE), Hengrabari, Guwahati.
8. The SPIO dittoed the reply of the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority whereas the petitioner produced a copy of the audit report vide point no.xi of the report of the Comptroller and Audit General of India on Social, General and Economic (Non-PSUs) Sectors for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, Government of Assam,

Report No. 5 of 2018 wherein it is mentioned that spectrophotometer testing kits were purchased.

The SPIO mentioned that the RTI question was about **Spectrometer** testing kit not **Spectrophotometer** testing kits.

9. The petitioner said that he is not fully conversant with the technical term. However, by Spectrometer testing kit he meant Spectrophotometer testing kit in his RTI petition and he requested that the RTI question may kindly be replied accordingly.
10. The Commission after discussing with the SPIO and the petitioner orders that the reply on purchase of Spectrophotometer testing kit and aligned questions of the RTI petition dated 31.5.2022 to be given to the petitioner by the SPIO O/o the Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Water, Hengrabari, Guwahati within 25 days from today i.e., 29.09.2022.
11. The case is conditionally disposed off.

Authenticated copies to be given to all concerned.

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

Authenticated true copy.

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Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd. 30.9.2022**

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, O/o the Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Water, Hengrabari, Guwahati for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Director, Key Resource Center (KRC), JJM, Betkuchi, Guwahati 35 for information.
3. The petitioner Sri Joydeb Das, S/O Lt. Karunamoy Das, H.No.16, Kushal Konwar Road, Near Mayur Krishna Cinema Hall, Ambari Fatashil, Guwahati 25 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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Assam Information Commission