

**Case No.** : SIC/CCR 92/2022  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Sayeed Hussain Mazumder  
**Respondent** : The SPIO, Directorate of Higher Education,  
Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati 19  
**Date of Hearing** : 02/11/2022  
**Complaint/ Second** : Dr. A.P.Rout,  
**Appeal heard by** State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**02/11/2022**

1. In continuation of earlier order dated 7.10.2022, the matter was taken up for hearing.
2. The petitioner Sayeed Hussain Mazumder is present.
3. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Joy Ram Hazarika, SPIO, Deputy Director of Higher Education.
4. The petitioner said including furnishing of four more information today he has received the figure of 20 Nodal Officers out of 29 Nodal Officers in whole, but he is yet to receive information from 9 Nodal Officers.
5. The SPIO furnished a copy of receipt of transferred RTI petition from the Department of Higher Education on 1.12.2021 which the SPIO said that he marked to the Dealing Section. He further mentioned that he is yet to receive reply form the Dealing Section (Planning Branch) on 6.5.2022 and accordingly received part of the reply of the petitioner on 9.5.2022 whereas the Act stipulates the dispatch of information expeditiously and in case duration should not be more than 30 days from the receipt of the RTI petition.
6. The SPIO further mentions that inordinate delay was issued to the Dealing Section in the Planning Branch as well as preoccupation with various other duties.
7. The SPIO was further asked whether there was any record of timely monitoring of RTI petition and bringing to notice of his Head Office about non submission of the reply to RTI petition by any Branch. He told the Commission that there is no written document on monitoring it and bringing to the notice of the Head Office.
8. In analyzing the provision of the RTI Act 2005