

Case No. : SIC/KAN 42/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Bhaskar Boruah
Respondent : The SPIO, Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam
Date of Hearing : 03/11/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner,
Assam

O R D E R
03/11/2022

1. The petitioner Shri Bhaskar Boruah has filed one RTI petition before the PCCF, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam on 25.5.2022 seeking following information:
 - (i) Details of SOPD fund sanctioned and release from the year of 2018-19, 2019-20 to 2020-21.
 - (ii) Details of Utilization list of the SOPD fund from the year of 2018-19, 2019-20 to 2020-21.
2. The petitioner then filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority, O/o the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Diphu, Karbi-Anglong, Assam on 19.7.2022 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 22.8.2022. Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
3. The petitioner Shri Bhaskar Boruah is present. The petitioner stated that he has not received any information.
4. However, two emails are received at the Commission as follows (i) One letter written by SPIO, O/o the CCF cum CHD (Forests), Karbi Anglong, Diphu dated 2.11.2022 addressed to the Senior Finance Adviser, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, Karbi Anglong directing him to attend the hearing. This letter also enclosed a copy of letter dated 29.6.2022 addressed to the Senior Finance Adviser, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, Karbi Anglong.
 - (iii) Another letter is received from the SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Hamren Division, Hamren dated 31.10.2022 wherein it is mentioned that information as available at the Office of DFO, Hamren Division is provided to the petitioner by general post on 25.5.2022 and again sent by registered post on 31.10.2022.
5. However, it is not clear how the Hamren Division came to know about the RTI petition when the record shows that the Senior Finance Officer of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, Karbi Anglong was intimated. Further, it is not known whether there was any expenditure in other divisions of Karbi Anglong.
6. In light of the above, the Commission would like to hear the matter again and issue notices through Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam as well as Principal Secretary to Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council to serve a notice to the Senior Finance Officer, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, Karbi Anglong to attend the hearing without fail and explain why no penalty U/S 20 to be imposed on him for not furnishing the information on time.

Further, the SPIO, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam is also directed to appear at the hearing to clarify his position.

Also serve a notice to the Senior Finance Officer, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, Karbi Anglong through Superintendent of Police, Diphu, Karbi Anglong.

7. Fix 1.12.2022 at 12:30 PM as the next date of hearing.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 03.11.2022

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. The Principal Secretary to Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Karbi Anglong, Assam for information and necessary action as ordered above.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam for information and necessary action as ordered above.
4. The Senior Finance Officer, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, Karbi Anglong for information and necessary action as ordered above. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
5. The SPIO, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam for information and necessary action as ordered above. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
6. The petitioner Sri Bhaskar Boruah, Dumukhi Dighalpani Gaon, P.O Baligaon, P.S Howraghat, Dist. Karbi Anglong, Assam for information. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
7. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
8. Office File.
9. Order Book.

Registrar
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