

Case No. : SIC/SNR 10/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Brij Kishor Verma
Respondent : The SPIO, The President/Secretary,
Sri Sri Surya Shathi Puja Samiti, Dhekiajuli,
Ward No. 10, Dhekiajuli, P.O. Dhekiajuli,
Dist. Sonapur, Assam
The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner,
Sonitpur, Tezpur, Assam 784001
Date of Hearing : 04/11/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R**04/11/2022**

1. The petitioner Sri Brij Kishor Verma has filed one RTI petition before the PIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Tezpur, Sonitpur on 7.1.2022 seeking some information (copy enclosed).
2. The SPIO of the Office of Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur transferred the RTI petition to the President/Secretary, Sri Sri Suraya Shathi Puja Samity, Dhekiajuli, Ward No.10, Dhekiajuli on 4.2.2022 with a direction to furnish the necessary information to the petitioner.
3. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the Deputy Commisisoner, Sonitpur, Tezpur on 11.3.2022 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 7.7.2022.
Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
4. The petitioner Sri Brij Kishor Verma is absent. However Sri Avadh Kishor Verma, President of Jai Bharat Manch, Assam Pradesh on behalf of the petitioner sent an email on 2.11.2022 wherein it is mentioned that due to Chath Puja Program, the petitioner won't be able to attend the hearing.
5. The First Appellate Authority & Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur has submitted a written statement dated 3.11.2022. In the written statement, the First Appellate Authority & Additional Deputy Commissioner has stated that on receipt of the 1st appeal petition the petitioner and the Puja Samity were heard and accordingly, vide order no. SRS/RTI/141/Pt-IV/2021-22/Pt-1/88 dated 26.5.2022 Dhekiajuli Municipal Board, Dhekiajuli and the President/Secretary of Sri Sri Suriya Shasthi Puja Samity, Dhekiajuli were directed to provide the required information. Before the First Appellate Authority, the President/Secretary submitted that they have not received any government funds directly from any body however the funds were allotted by forming construction committee by the concerned MLA, MP etc. So the information may be collected from the concerned authority. They further stated that they are ready to furnish the information about the expenditure of Chath Puja but the applicant only wanted information about the receipt of Government fund.
6. The Commission observes that the Private party (i.e., the Puja Samity) is not obliged to give the information in the RTI Act, 2005. Therefore, the Commission observes that the information regarding the allocation of Government funds to the Puja Samity, if available at the Office of Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur be furnished to the petitioner.

7. With the above direction, the case is 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. 04.11.2022

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1. The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur, Assam 784001 for information and necessary action.
2. The SPIO, The President/Secretary, Sri Sri Surya Shathi Puja Samiti, Dhekiajuli, Ward No. 10, Dhekiajuli, P.O. Dhekiajuli, Dist. Sonapur, Assam for information.
3. The petitioner Sri Brij Kishor Verma, S/o Sri Balaram Verma, Ward No.1, P.O Dhekiajuli, Pin 784110 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File.
6. Order Book.

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