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Case No. : SIC/GLT 28/2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Rohit Choudhury
Respondent : SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer,
Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat, Assam
Date of Hearing : 28/10/2022
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
28/10/2022

1. The petitioner Sri Rohit Choudhury has filed one RTI petition before the SPIO, O/o the Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat, Dist. Golaghat, Assam on 23.6.2022 seeking following information:
 - (1) Provide me the copy of the minutes of the meeting in which the names of the 64 enumerators, 12 independent observers and 49 media observers were discussed and selected/ approved for the 14th Rhino Population Estimation/Census in Kaziranga National Park.
 - (2) Provide me the name of the 64 enumerators, 12 independent observers and 49 media observers who have participated in the entire exercise of Rhino Population Estimation/Census in Kaziranga National Park from 25th to 28th March, 2022.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Field Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat, Assam transferred the RTI petition u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the SPIO, O/o the DFO, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat on 27.6.2022 with a direction to the furnish the information within 30 days.
3. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority, O/o the Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat, Assam on 2.8.2022 and then he filed 2nd appeal before the Commission on 7.9.2022.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.

4. The petitioner Sri Rohit Choudhury is present.
5. The Public Authority to be represented by SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat, is absent.
6. The SPIO O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Bokakhat, Kaziranga National Park has sent a letter dated 21.10.2022 via email which was received by the Commission on 26.10.2022 stating that he is engaged for duty in connection with the visit of Hon'ble Gauhati High Court Judges.
7. On perusal of this petition, it is seen that the letter dated 21.10.2022 is sent via email and received on 26.10.2022. This delay needs justification in next date of hearing.
8. Further, the SPIO Sri Nayan Jyoti Rajbangshi, AFS, SPIO cum Assistant Conservator of Forests, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, EA Wildlife Division Bokakhat has quoted the order of the DFO, EA Wildlife Division, Kaziranga National Park, Bokakhat dated 22.10.2022 stating that he is engaged for duty in his letter dated 21.10.2022. So this absurdity i.e., detailment of his duty is on 22.10.2022 and he intimating about it on 21.10.2022 needs to be answered during the next hearing.

9. However, the Commission accepts the prayer of the SPIO Sri Nayan Jyoti Rajbangshi decides to hear the matter again.
10. **Fix another date of hearing.**

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

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Assam Information Commission

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Dtd. 28.10.2022

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1. The SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Kaziranga National Park, Bokakhat Assam for information and necessary action. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
2. The petitioner Rohit Choudhury, Vill. Gormur Gaon, P.O. Lokhujan, Bokakhat, Dist. Golaghat, Assam 785612 for information. He is to remain present on the next date of hearing.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

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