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- **Case No.** : SIC/GLT 21 /2022
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Rohit Choudhury
Respondent : The SPIO, SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Kaziranga National Park, Bokakhat, Assam 785612
Date of Hearing : 23/11/2022
Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by : Dr. A.P.Rout, State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
23/11/2022

1. In continuation of earlier order dated 28.10.2022, the matter was taken up for hearing.
2. The petitioner Shri Rohit Choudhury is present.
3. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Nayanjyoti Rajbongshi, SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Bokakhat, Kaziranga National Park.
4. As pointed out by the Commission in earlier order dated 28.10.2022 the SPIO Sri Nayanjyoti Rajbongshi could not explain how the detailment order of 22.10.2022 was attached with the letter 21.10.2022. Though the SPIO made vague and unacceptable claim that the office people are at fault, but his signature on the letter dated on 21.10.2022, shows his culpability.
5. At the hearing the petitioner said that instead of making a general negative comment that the names of occupants are not available, the forest department could have made some arrangement in getting the same from the hotels as the bills are paid by the forest department.

The Commission directs the authorised department to take necessary steps in this regard.

6. In response to question no.2, the compiled list of payment to various enumerators is submitted by the SPIO but the petitioner said that the corresponding vouchers are not given. The Commission orders the SPIO to fix a convenient date for inspection of the relevant vouchers.
7. In response to question no.3 of the RTI petition, though SPIO has taken recourse to Section 8(1)(a) in exempting to furnish the information, the SPIO when asked to specify under what heading he has taken the exemption, he mentioned that it is security of the state, as it was GPS fitted compartmentalised survey.

To this the petitioner said that this is unacceptable as Manas Tiger Reserve which is contiguous to Royal Bhutan Tiger Reserve at international border has provided similar information. The petitioner has produced a copy of such information. So the Commission directs the SPIO to provide the information.

8. In response to question no.4 of the RTI petition, the SPIO mentioned that he has furnished the information about 64 enumerators and list of 49 media observers is given today.

9. The case is disposed off.

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(Dr. A.P. Rout)

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

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