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**Case No.** : SIC/GLT 21/2022  
**Complainant/ Appellant** : Sri Rohit Choudhury  
**Respondent** : SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern  
Assam Wildlife Division, Kaziranga National  
Park, Bokakhat, Assam 785612  
**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 9.5.2022 seeking following information:
  - (1) Provide me the details of the total amount of funds/amount spent by Kaziranga National Park authority/Assam Forest Department on the 14<sup>th</sup> Rhino Population Estimation/Census in Kaziranga National Park conducted from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March,2022.
  - (2) Provide me the total breakup along with all the supporting bills/vouchers of the above mentioned funds/amount spent by Kaziranga National Park authority/Assam Forest Department on the 14<sup>th</sup> Rhino Population Estimation/ Census in Kaziranga National Park.
  - (3) Provide me the name of the enumerators , who were part of actual counting of rhinos on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March,2022 along with the details of the total number of count made by each enumerator.
  - (4) Provide me the name of 64 enumerators, 12 independent observers and 49 media observers who were part of the entire exercise of 14<sup>th</sup> Rhino Population Estimation/ Census in Kaziranga National Park conducted from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
  - (5) Provide me the details of the copy of committee notified by the PCCF & HoFF, Assam for the computation of the data, which was carried out on 28<sup>th</sup> March,2022.
2. The SPIO, O/o the Field Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve transferred the RTI petition u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act,2005 to the SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Bokakhat, Assam on 19.5.2022 with a direction to furnish the information within 30 days.
3. The SPIO cum Assistant Conservator of Forests, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, EA Wildlife Division Bokakhar sent a letter to the petitioner on 9.6.2022 furnishing the sought for information.
4. Reportedly on not being satisfied with the information received, the petitioner filed 1<sup>st</sup> appeal before the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority, O/o the DFO, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve on 23.6.2022 and then he filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before the Commission on 23.8.2022.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.
5. The petitioner Sri Rohit Choudhury is present.
6. The Public Authority to be represented by SPIO, O/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Kaziranga National Park, Bokakhat, is absent.
7. 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 High Court Judges.

8. 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.
9. 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.**
10. However, the Commission accepts the prayer of the SPIO Sri Nayan Jyoti Rajbangshi decides to hear the matter again.
11. **Fix another date of hearing.**

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

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**Dtd. 28.10.2022**

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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. 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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