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Case No. : SIC/KPM 503/2022  
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Harinarayan Pathak  
Respondent : The Election Officer, Election Branch, D.C. Office,  
Kamrup (M), Hengrabari, Guwahati  
Date of Hearing : 11/11/2022  
Complaint/ Second : Dr. A.P.Rout,  
Appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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

1. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak has filed one RTI petition before the SPIO, Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Panbazar, Guwahati on 24.5.2022 seeking some information (copy enclosed).
2. The PIO of Guwahati Municipal Corporation transferred the RTI petition u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup(M) on 30.5.2022 with a direction to furnish the information to the petitioner.
3. Reportedly on not getting any information, the petitioner filed 1<sup>st</sup> appeal before the First Appellate Authority, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup(M), Guwahati on 25.7.2022 and then he filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before the Commission on 12.10.2022.

Accordingly, the matter was taken up for hearing.

4. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak is present.
5. The Public Authority is represented by Sri Shekharan Phukan, ACS, Election Officer, Kamrup(M).
6. The SPIO, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup(M) has submitted a written statement dated 9.11.2022 wherein it is mentioned that the petitioner was asked to appear before the First Appellate Authority on 28.10.2022, but the petitioner remained absent on that particular day. Further in connection with the written statement, it is enclosed that the SPIO as well as Election Officer vide letter dated 21.10.2022 asked the petitioner to deposit the cost of Xerox i.e., Rs. 2/- per page for furnishing the information.
7. The petitioner stated that since this letter was addressed to him on 21.10.2022 i.e., after limitation period of 30 days from the date of RTI petition i.e., 24.5.2022. So, he is not supposed to pay the cost of Xerox.
8. In the meantime, the Election Officer of Kamrup (M) mentioned that the required documents will be huge and will have a bearing on government expenses.
9. In view of the above, the Commission orders the petitioner to visit the office of the District Election Officer, Kamrup (M) Election District, Guwahati on a convenient date to inspect and collect the documents of only relevant pages as per the convenience of the SPIO as well as the petitioner.
10. The case is disposed off.

Authenticated copies to be given to all concerned.

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-  
Registrar  
Assam Information Commission

**Memo No. SIC/KPM.503/2022**

**Dtd. 11.11.2022**

Copy to:

1. The SPIO, O/o the District Election Officer, Kamrup (M) Election District, D C Office, Guwahati Hengrabari, Guwahati for information and necessary action.
2. The petitioner Shri Harinarayan Pathak, Padumpukhuri, Uzanbazar, Guwahati 01 for information and necessary action.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
4. Office File.
5. Order Book.

Registrar  
Assam Information Commission