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Virtual Hearing on 17.08.2021

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WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

Khadya Bhaban 11A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700 087.

No. 1548-WBIC/RTI/333/21

From: Deputy Secretary / Law Officer

West Bengal Information Commission

To:

Shri Amar Majumder, Vill. – Baidyapur, P.O. + P.S. – Tarakeswar, Dist. – Hooghly, PIN – 712 410.	The SPIO, West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DL-7/1, Sector – II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 091.	The Appellate Authority, School Education Department, Bikash Bhaban, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.
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Deputy Secretary / Law Officer West Bengal Information Commission

Date: 06.08.2021

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No. 1548-WBIC/RTI/333/21

From: Deputy Secretary / Law Officer

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To:

Shri Amar Majumder,	The SPIO,	The Additional Secretary &
Vill Baidyapur,	West Bengal Board of Primary	Appellate Authority,
P.O. + P.S Tarakeswar,	Education,	West Bengal Board of Primary
Dist Hooghly,	Acharya Prafulla Chandra	Education,
PIN – 712 410.	Bhavan,	Acharya Prafulla Chandra
	DL-7/1, Sector - II,	Bhavan,
	Salt Lake City,	DL-7/1, Sector – II,
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Website: www.wbic.gov.in

E-mail: scic-wb@nic.in Appeal No.1613of 2021

Under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Name of the appellant: Shri Amar Majumdar

Public Authority: SPIO, West Bengal Board of Primary Education

Date of RTI: 7.1.2021

Date of 1st Appeal: 10.3.2021

Date of filing 2nd appeal before the Commission: 28.6.2021

Date of hearing: 3.8.2021

[The appellant attended the online hearing]

Facts on records

Shri Amar Majumdar(hereinafter referred to as appellant) filed one RTI application before the SPIO. West Bengal Board of Primary Education for providing information regarding TET-2012 and TET-2014.

The appellant has been provided information and being dissatisfied with the same, filed 1st appeal before the Appellate Authority. But the Appellate Authority did not take action on the 1st appeal filed before him.

Being aggrieved, the appellant filed 2nd appeal before the Commission and the Commission decides to hear the appeal.

Decision:

The Secretary, West Bengal Information Commission submits before the Commission that the SPIO and the Secretary. West Bengal Board of Primary Education has sent a communication stating her inability to attend today's hearing proceedings as she is pre-occupied and has to attend a hearing before the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta and prays before the Commission to fix some other date to dispose of the instant matter. The leave of absence is accepted.

To dispose of the instant matter, hearing will be held online and next date and time will be intimated in due course. The SPIO is directed to attend the next hearing along with action taken report.

The authenticated copy of this order be forwarded to all concerned.

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Date- 3.8.2021

(Raj Kanojia)

No.

(B. Banerjee)

State Information Commissioner

West Bengal

State Chief Information Commissioner West Bengal

-1/(2)-(Order)-WBIC/RTI/333/2021Date: / 08 / 2021

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:

- 1. The State Public Information Officer and Secretary, West Bengal Board of Primary Education, APC Bhavan, DL-7/1, Sector II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091.
- 2. Shri Amar Majumdar, Vill Baidyapur, PO +PS Tarakeshwar, Dist. Hooghly 712 410.

Law Officer & Joint Registrar West Bengal Information Commission

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WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

Khadya Bhaban 11A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700 087.

No. 1347-WBIC/RTI/333/21

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Date: 27.07.2021

From: Deputy Secretary / Law Officer

West Bengal Information Commission

To:

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| Shri Amar Majumder,       | The SPIO,                    | The Appellate Authority,     |
| Vill. – Baidyapur,        | West Bengal Board of Primary | West Bengal Board of Primary |
| P.O. + P.S. – Tarakeswar, | Education,                   | Education,                   |
| Dist. – Hooghly,          | Acharya Prafulla Chandra     | Acharya Prafulla Chandra     |
| PIN – 712 410.            | Bhavan,                      | Bhavan,                      |
|                           | DL-7/1, Sector – II,         | DL-7/1, Sector – II,         |
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Deputy Secretary / Law Officer West Bengal Information Commission

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West Bengal Information Commission 11 A, Mirza Galib Street, Khadya Bhaban, Kolkata-700 087

Subject: Second Appeal under Section 19(3) of Right to Information Act, 2005

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Date: 08/06/2021

### Name and Address of the appellant:

Amar Majumder Vill: Baidyapur,

P.O+P.S: Tarakeswar,

Dist: Hooghly,

State: West Bengal,

PIN: 712410

#### Name and Address of the CPIO:

West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK- 7/1, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700091

Date of submission of RTI request: 07/01/2021

Date of RTI reply: 9th February, 2021

#### Name and Address of the FAA:

West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK- 7/1, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700091

Date of submission of FA request: 10/03/2021

Date of FA reply: No response received



#### Brief facts of the case:

1. The Applicant had filed a RTI Application seeking information on the following grounds:

#### **BACKGROUND:**

I filled the application form on 26.11.2012 for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), 2012 and for recruitment of Assistant Teachers in the Government Sponsored / Aided Primary / Junior Basic Schools in the District. I was qualified and called for Scrutiny / Verification & interview / aptitude test on 22.10.2016 though I was not empanelled. That time I was not trained.

My Roll Number is 130041949 and Application ID is 1038885. As a part of that once again on 27.11.2020 according to the WBBPE's notice, I did an Online Application for Verification / Scrutiny of the testimonials for Ascertainment of Training Qualification of TET - 2014 Qualified Candidates added to my D.El.Ed degree passed in 2019. My Roll Number remains the same but Application ID is 2000011256. But I am rejected by pointing out the reason, " Date Of Birth not within valid range ". I can not understand the explanation of rejection. My DOB is 21.02.1974 and I am from General Caste.

In the light of the above mentioned background, please provide the following information under section 2(f) and 2(j) of the RTI act:

- 1) A certified copy of the rules regarding the Age criteria for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), 2012 and for recruitment of Assistant Teachers in the Government Sponsored / Aided Primary / Junior Basic Schools.
- 2. As the reply from the PIO/FAA is unsatisfactory, a second appeal should be preferred against the CPIO under Section 19(3) of Right to Information Act. The copy of the RTI application and first appeal have been annexed herewith as Annexure 1 and Annexure 2.

#### **Grounds for Prayer or Relief:**

1. As there is an unsatisfactory reply from the PIO and no reply by the First Appellate Authority within 30 days from the date of the First Appeal, a second

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appeal is being filed under section 19(3) of the Right to Information Act within the mandatory time period of 90 days. The copy of the RTI application and first appeal have been annexed herewith as Annexure 1 and Annexure 2.

- 2. The PIO has replied as per TET, there is no age bar. For question number 2,3, and
  - 4, the PIO has asked the applicant to refer West Bengal Primary Teachers Recruitment rules.
- 3. The PIO has not provided clear cut response to the questions asked in the RTI application. Under Section 5(3) of the RTI Act, it is incumbent on every PIO to render reasonable assistance to all persons seeking information. To this end, the PIO has failed in his duties to assist the applicant in obtaining the information available with the Commission in whatever manner it is held. Under the RTI Act, 2005, a PIO is obliged to provide access to information to a citizen unless as stipulated by Section 7(1), furnishing of such information is covered by one of the exemptions provided under Section 8 or Section 9 of the RTI Act. The PIO has failed to discharge its duties and obligations by refusing to provide the information and failing to state the reasons for doing so under the law
- 4. The failure of the PIO as well as the FAA to respond to the application within the specific time frames as provided under the Act is a violation of Section 5(3), 5(4) and 5(5) which mandates that the PIO is to make all efforts to ensure that the requested information is properly furnished to the applicant.
- 5. The denial of information by the PIO is in violation of the provisions of the RTI Act, tantamounting to deemed refusal in terms of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act which makes the PIO liable for penal action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act. The PIO has clearly failed to discharge its duties and obligations in the letter and spirit of the Act.
- 6. The incomplete response of the PIO highlights that the manner in which the said RTI application has been dealt with is not in consonance with the provisions and the purpose for which the RTI Act was enacted and fails the mandate of good governance.
- 7. The information sought by the applicant in the RTI Application is very much a part of the information maintained by the concerned public authority falling under the definition of section 2(f) of the RTI Act and the PIO and FAA have no reasons

whatsoever, of refusing to provide the information. In fact, their failure to even reply to the application highlights the fact that the application has been dealt with in a negligent and apathetic manner.

- 8. The PIO has failed to discharge its duties and obligations and has adopted an arbitrary and lackadaisical approach towards dealing with the concerned RTI application. The PIO has also further failed to inform the applicant as to why this information has not been disclosed to the applicant and its reasons thereof. Section 4(1) (d) of the RTI Act clearly lays down that every public authority shall have to disclose the reasons for its decisions to the affected persons.
- 9. In the present case, there has been no reply from the FAA. It is the duty and obligation of the Appellate Authority, being a higher authority in the hierarchy, to make all possible efforts and take all appropriate steps to ensure that the application is addressed in a proper manner. However, when the FAA has not even bothered to send a reply and pass an appropriate order to the First Appeal, it highlights the fact that the application/appeal has been addressed in a casual and callous manner. There has been utmost disregard of the RTI Act and dereliction of duty on part of the concerned FAA. Not replying to the first appeal means that the FAA has no regard for the applicant and the process which results in extension of the agony of the appellant of having to wait indefinitely to have access to the information desired under the RTI Application.
- 10. However, there has been no response thereafter. It is evident from the conduct of the public authority that it has failed to perform its duties and obligations under the RTI Act and failed to provide a response to the RTI Application. The PIO as well as the FAA have failed to provide a reply to the applicant amounting to a no response from the authorities.
- 11. Various orders have been passed by the Hon'ble Central Information Commission to the effect that a no response from the PIO and the FAA calls for strict action against the concerned officer along with directions to be issued for the disclosure of the information sought at the earliest.
- 12. As the application of the applicant/appellant has not been handled properly and even the first appeal has not been disposed off accordingly, the concerned PIO is liable to face penal action. The applicant has suffered detriment, mental agony and harassment for not receiving timely and complete information and deserves to be compensated u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act.

#### **Prayers or Relief Sought:**

I appeal to you to kindly direct the concerned PIO to provide the correct and relevant information to the undersigned at the earliest, that is complete in all respects. I also humbly appeal to the Hon'ble Commission to levy penal/punitive action against the concerned officer for failing to provide a timely response and compensating the undersigned/appellant for the detriment caused for the reasons mentioned in the appeal above. The Hon'ble Commission may also pass any other or further orders in the interest of justice.

#### Verification:

I, Amar Majumder hereby state that the information and particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also declare that this matter is not previously filed with this commission nor is pending with any Court or tribunal or authority

Yours sincerely

Amar Majumder

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#### **Enclosures:**

Annexure 1 - Copy of the original RTI Application.

Annexure 2 - Copy of the original First Appeal Application.

Copy To,

The Public Information Officer
West Bengal Board of Primary Education,
Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK- 7/1, Sector-II,
Salt Lake City,
Kolkata- 700091

## The Right to Information Act, 2005

## First Appeal for State Government

|                                                                                                                         | I.D No             | Date:           | [For office use] |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| To,                                                                                                                     |                    |                 |                  |
| The First Appellate Authority under RTI A                                                                               | ct                 |                 |                  |
| West Bengal Board of Primary Education<br>Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK- 7/<br>Salt Lake City,<br>Kolkata- 700091 | ,<br>1, Sector-II, |                 |                  |
| Sir,                                                                                                                    |                    |                 |                  |
| As I am aggrieved by decision of State Public for your kind decision.                                                   | : Information Of   | ficer, I hereby | file this appeal |
| 1. Details of appellant                                                                                                 |                    |                 |                  |
| 1.1 Full Name: Amar Majumder                                                                                            |                    |                 |                  |
| 1.2 Full Address:                                                                                                       |                    |                 |                  |
| Vill : Baidyapur,<br>P.O+P.S: Tarakeswar,<br>Dist : Hooghly,<br>State : West Bengal,<br>PIN : 712410                    | •                  |                 |                  |

1.3 Phone/Cell No: 8974915852

1.4 Email ID: amarmajumder1980@gmail.com

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#### 2. Details of State Public Information Officer (SPIO)

2.1 Name/Designation: Public Information Officer

#### 2.2 Full Address:

West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK- 7/1, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700091

#### 3. Details of RTI application to SPIO

Date of Application: Thursday, January 7th 2021

Mailed on: 07/01/2021 by Registered Post No.: EK351237565IN

Date of receipt by SPIO: 12/01/2021

#### 4. Particulars of payment of filing fee:

Paid Rs. 10/- by bank draft/pay slip/IPO No: By Court Fee Stamp

#### 5. Details of information sought:

#### **BACKGROUND:**

I filled the application form on 26.11.2012 for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), 2012 and for recruitment of Assistant Teachers in the Government Sponsored / Aided Primary / Junior Basic Schools in the District. I was qualified and called for Scrutiny / Verification & interview / aptitude test on 22.10.2016 though I was not empanelled. That time I was not trained.

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2000011256. But I am rejected by pointing out the reason, " Date Of Birth not within valid range ". I can not understand the explanation of rejection. My DOB is 21.02.1974 and I am from General Caste.

In the light of the above mentioned background, please provide the following information under section 2(f) and 2(j) of the RTI act:

- 1) A certified copy of the rules regarding the Age criteria for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), 2012 and for recruitment of Assistant Teachers in the Government Sponsored / Aided Primary / Junior Basic Schools.
- 2) The procedures for age calculation during the verification of testimonials for Ascertainment of Training Qualification of TET 2014.
- 3) The Age required during the verification of testimonials for Ascertainment of Training Qualification of TET 2014.
- 4) As per the rules, whether a candidate whose range of age which was valid in the times of filling up the form, taking the exam and appearing at the interview board can become invalid during verification.

#### 6. Particulars of Decision of SPIO:

The PIO has replied as per TET, there is no age bar. For guestion number 2,3, and 4, the PIO has asked the applicant to refer West Bengal Primary Teachers Recruitment rules.

#### 7. Brief facts of the case:

A certified copy of the rules regarding the Age criteria for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), 2012 and for recruitment of Assistant Teachers in the Government Sponsored / Aided Primary / Junior Basic Schools.

The copy of the RTI application has been attached herewith as Annexure 1.



#### 8. Reasons/grounds for this appeal:

- 1. As the response from the PIO regarding the information as requested in the RTI application is unsatisfactory and amounts to denial of information, an appeal is preferred against the order of the concerned Public Information Officer under the section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- 2. The PIO has replied as per TET, there is no age bar. For question number 2,3, and 4, the PIO has asked the applicant to refer West Bengal Primary Teachers Recruitment rules.

It is clear from the response of the PIO that it is indeed the relevant and concerned public authority which is best equipped to deal and answer the queries of the RTI Applicant.

- 3. The PIO has not provided clear cut response to the questions asked in the RTI application. Under Section 5(3) of the RTI Act, it is incumbent on every PIO to render reasonable assistance to all persons seeking information. To this end, the PIO has failed in his duties to assist the applicant in obtaining the information available with the Commission in whatever manner it is held. Under the RTI Act, 2005, a PIO is obliged to provide access to information to a citizen unless as stipulated by Section 7(1), furnishing of such information is covered by one of the exemptions provided under Section 8 or Section 9 of the RTI Act. The PIO has failed to discharge its duties and obligations by refusing to provide the information and failing to state the reasons for doing so under the law.
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- 5. The meaning of information under Section 2(f) of RTI Act clearly states that it includes any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, ell mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form. The information requested for by the applicant clearly falls under the category of Section 2(f) of RTI Act. Thus according to the meaning provided under the RTI Act,

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it is obligatory upon the PIO to disclose the entire set of information requested for by the applicant.

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### 9 Any other information in support of appeal:

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### 10 Prayer/relief sought for:

Kindly direct the PIO concerned to provide the requested information to the undersigned at the earliest or provide legal reasons for denial of information if it intends to reject the application.

## 11. Personal Presence at hearing: NO

#### 12. Enclosures:

Photocopies of original RTI application with its enclosures, postal proof of mailing



#### 13. Declaration:

I hereby state that the information and particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also declare that this matter is not previously filed with any information commission nor is pending with any Court or tribunal or authority.

Signature of appellant

Ama Majumter

Wednesday, March 10th 2021

## The Right to Information Act 2005 Application for obtaining information

#### From

Amar Majumder Vill: Baidyapur,

P.O+P.S: Tarakeswar,

Dist: Hooghly,

State: West Bengal,

PIN: 712410

#### To

The Public Information Officer
West Bengal Board of Primary Education,
Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK- 7/1, Sector-II,
Salt Lake City,
Kolkata- 700091

SUB: A certified copy of the rules regarding the Age criteria for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), 2012 and for recruitment of Assistant Teachers in the Government Sponsored / Aided Primary / Junior Basic Schools.

Dear Public Information Officer:

Under the Right to Information Act 2005, Section 6, I need some information. The details of the information are as follows

#### 1. Details of the applicant

Name: Amar Majumder

Email: amarmajumder1980@gmail.com

Address: Vill: Baidyapur, P.O+P.S: Tarakeswar, Dist: Hooghly, State: West Bengal,

PIN: 712410

Phone: 8974915852



#### 2. Period to which the information relates: 2016-2020

#### 3. Details of Information

#### BACKGROUND:

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#### 4. Application fee details



## Encl. Application Fee of Rs 10/- By Court Fee Stamp

## 5. Below Items are for your kind information and consideration

a. As per section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005, In case, the requested information is held by another public authority, I request the PIO to transfer the application or part of it within FIVE days and immediately inform me about such transfer. b. As per section 7(3) of the RTI Act 2005, In case, there are further fee required to provide the requested information, I request the PIO to inform me of the additional fee amount along with the calculations made to arrive at the amount.

c. As per section 7(8)(iii) and 7(3)(ii) of the RTI Act 2005, I request the PIO to inform me of the particulars of First Appellate Authority.

#### 6. Declaration

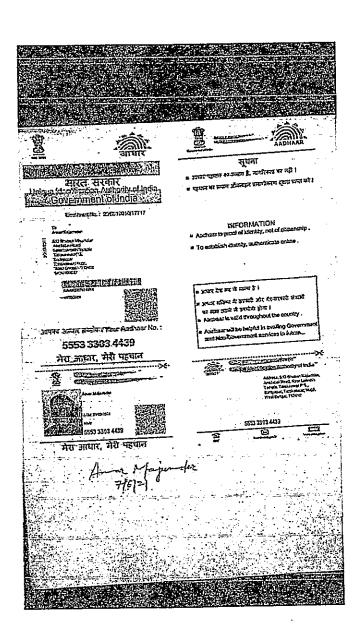
I declare that I am a citizen of India.

Yours faithfully,

Amaz Majamter

Thursday, January 7th 2021





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Application No -
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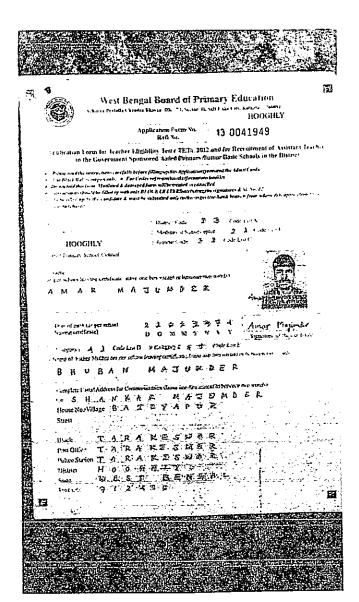
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## Note Sheet

D.No 1613 Dt. 28.06.2021 File No. 333/21

| 1)    | ) Name ar                | nd address of the Complainant / Appellant: Amar Majumder<br>Vill- Baidyapur, Po + PS-<br>Tarakeswar, Dist Hooghly<br>WB, Pin- 712410 |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2)    | RTI appl                 | ication submitted on : 07-Jan-21                                                                                                     |
| 3)    | RTI petit                | ion addressed to: The PIO, WBBPE, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK- 7/1, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091              |
| 4)    | Copy of I                | RTI application submitted: Yes                                                                                                       |
| 5)    | Whether                  | RTI petition is transferred u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005: No                                                                        |
|       | If yes, de               | tails of the SPIO:                                                                                                                   |
| 6)    | Whether                  | RTI application fees paid: Yes                                                                                                       |
| 7)    | Action tal               | ken by the SPIO / Public Authority:                                                                                                  |
|       | i)                       | Furnished information to the complainant / appellant on:                                                                             |
|       | ii)                      | Anything else / others                                                                                                               |
|       | iii)                     | No action                                                                                                                            |
| 8)    | 1 <sup>st</sup> appeal   | preferred on: 10-Mar-21                                                                                                              |
| 9)    | Copy of 1                | Appeal attached: Yes                                                                                                                 |
| 10)   | Name of the              | ne 1st Appellate Authority / Public Authority:                                                                                       |
|       |                          | The FAA, WBBPE, Acharya<br>Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK-7/1,<br>Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata -<br>700091                        |
| 11)   | Action take              | en by the 1st Appellate Authority / Public Authority:                                                                                |
|       | i)                       | returned the appeal to the on                                                                                                        |
|       | ii)                      | conducted a hearing on and passed order                                                                                              |
|       | iii)                     | anything else                                                                                                                        |
|       | iv)                      | No action                                                                                                                            |
| 12) 2 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> appeal / | complaint before the Commission: 08-Jun-21 Appeal(P)                                                                                 |
| 13) I | Prayer / rel             | ief sought for: Information                                                                                                          |
|       | Any other o              | orrespondences made by the complainant / appellant / Public                                                                          |
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Fax No. (033)2252-0501 Website: www.wbic.gov.in E-mail: scic-wb@nic.in **Appeal No. 1613 of 2021** 

**Under the Right to Information Act, 2005** 

**RTI Applicant:** Amar Majumder

SPIO, West Bengal Board of Primary Education. **Public Authority:** 

**Date of RTI Application:** 07.01.2021 Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal: 10.03.2021

Date of 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal before the Commission: 08.06.2021

Date of Virtual Hearing: 17.08.2021

#### **Facts on records:**

Shri Amar Majumder (hereinafter referred to as Appellant) submitted one RTI application on 07.01.2021 to the SPIO, West Bengal Board of Primary Education, seeking four (4) points of information regarding TET 2012.

Being aggrieved with no reply from the SPIO's end, the Appellant preferred a 1st Appeal before the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority, West Bengal Board of Primary Education on 10.03.2021.

Being dissatisfied with no decision of the 1st Appellate Authority, Appellant preferred a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal before the Commission on 08.06.2021.

After perusal of all the relevant documents as annexed herewith, the Commission has found sufficient grounds to enquire into the matter and has decided to resolve the instant matter by conduct of hearing and accordingly hearing has been fixed.

#### **Decision:**

The matter has been taken up today for hearing as per schedule. Heard the submission of both the parties and after perusal of records as annexed therewith, it appeared to the Commission that information sought for by the Appellant pertains to the rules / orders / procedure etc. reg. age criteria for recruitment to the post of Assistant Teacher. The Commission has observed that none of the queries made by the Appellant qualifies for exemption under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The SPIO has submitted before the Commission that the entire Recruitment Rule, 2016 is available in public domain and Appellant has been accordingly advised to access the same.

Appellant has submitted that he wants proper explanation for rejection of his candidature in the recruitment process on age criteria which inturn appears to the Commission to be a clarification

of the rules rather than information.

In the light of the above Commission after due consideration of all facts and submissions decided to dispose of and close the instant matter as information provided by the SPIO is found to be adequate. Appellant is hereby advised to take up the matter with the appropriate authority for redressal of his grievance.

Let authenticated copies be served among all concerned.

**Date:** 17.08.2021

Sd/-(Raj Kanojia) State Information Commissioner West Bengal Sd/-(B. Banerjee) State Chief Information Commissioner West Bengal

Date: 22.09.2021

No. 2205 -1/(3)-(Order)-WBIC/RTI/333/21

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Appellate Authority, School Education Department, Bikash Bhaban, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091.

2. The SPIO, West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan, DK-7/1, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091

3. Shri Amar Majumder, Vill- Baidyapur, P.O+P.S. – Tarakeswar, Dist.- Hooghly, W.B. Pin – 712410.

Law Officer and Joint Registrar West Bengal Information Commission

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#### No. 105-SE(RTI)/BS-204/2021

Dated: 30.01.2025.

From: Appellate Authority & Additional Secretary

School Education Department

To: The SPIO (RTI)

Kaushik Biswas, Law Officer

West Bengal Board of Primary Education

"Acharya Prafulla Chandra Bhavan"

DK-7/1, Sector-II, Salt Lake,

Kolkata-700091.

Sub : Transferring copy of the letter from WBIC relating to Appeal no. 101533 of 2025 in the matter of Sri. Amar Majumder, Hooghly.

The undersigned is to forward herewith a copy of order no. 556-WBIC/RTI/A/101533/165/2025 dated 20.01.2025 as received from West Bengal Information Commission and to request him/her kindly attend to the hearing on 13.02.2025 at 11.30 A.M. with all documents and furnish the report to this Department.

This may be treated as **MOST URGENT.** 

Enclo: As stated.

S/d

Appellate Authority & Additional Secretary
School Education Department

#### No. 105/1(2)-SE(RTI)/BS-204/2021

Dated: 30.01.2025.

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