

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
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**Decision No. CIC /SG/C/2009/000080/1701**  
**Complaint No. CIC/SG/C/2009/000080**

**COMPLAINT REMANDED TO :** First Appellate Authority,  
RTI,  
Assam University, Silchar -788011

**Complainant :** Dr. Hanjabam Surmangol Sharma  
Wangkhei Konsam Leikai  
Durga Pujah Lampak  
Imphal -795001, (Manipur)

**Public Information Officer :** Deputy Registrar (P & A)  
Assam University, Silchar -788011

**Decision:**

The complainant had filed an application with the PIO on 21/10/2008 asking for certain information. He received a reply from the PIO, which he found unsatisfactory. The complainant has therefore filed a complaint with the Commission under Section 18 of the RTI Act. The complainant has not used the alternate and efficacious remedy of the First Appeal available under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act. Consequently, the First Appellate Authority has not had the chance to review the PIO's decision as envisaged under the RTI Act.

Therefore the matter is remanded to the First Appellate Authority with a direction to decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, after giving both sides an opportunity of a hearing.

The Complaint is disposed.

Notice of this decision be given free of cost to the parties.

**Shailesh Gandhi**  
**Information Commissioner**  
**February 16, 2009**

**Encl:**

**1. Copy of the complaint**