

Govt body fails to answer RTI query even after 4 years



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An [RTI](#) activist denied information even after 4 years of submitting the [RTI](#) application to the [RTI](#) cell of Nagaon district administration. According to the [RTI](#) activist Bhagyadhar [Das](#) of Sirmola village, Gospara, Raha revenue circle, "I filed an [RTI](#) query to the Project Director, [DRDA](#), Nagaon asking for the list of beneficiaries under [IAY](#) scheme of Hatbor village panchayat of Raha constituency on February 25, 2011 and details of completed works of the same panchayat under NREAGA scheme, but to my utter surprise the concerned authorities still fails to answer my [RTI](#) application," the activist said to this correspondent.

The [RTI](#) activist alleged that the Project director and the [RTI](#) cell of Nagaon district administration passed the buck on one another denying information while he personally contacted them.

The [RTI](#) documents, he received from the [DRDA](#) Project Director's office, Nagaon and the [RTI](#) cell of the district administration, Nagaon which are with this correspondent revealed that the abovementioned offices received [Das](#)'s [RTI](#) application on February 25, 2011. After [2](#) years, the same offices informed [Das](#) through a letter that the office was sending an interim reply and suitable response would be sent to him [as soon as](#) any input was received from the units concerned in the office.

Later the [RTI](#) cell of Nagaon district administration of India, informed the [RTI](#) activist that they were neither the custodians of the [RTI](#) information sought by him, nor this information was held by or under the control of this public authority, therefore, cannot be provided by it.

This is a classic example [as](#) to how the Government officers protecting their fellow officers tend to frustrate the basic intention of the legislature behind the enactment of the Right to Information [Act](#), 2005," said the [RTI](#) activist to this correspondent.

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