OFFICE OF THE ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION: ASSAM HOUSEFED COMPLEX, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

Appeal Case No:	KP(M) 58/2013
Appellant :	Shri Soumitra Sengupta, C/O Late Abdus Samad Choudhury, House No-34. Hemgiri Path, South Sarania, Ulubari, Guwahati-7
Public Authority:	State Public Information Officer and Asstt. Director of Land Records, Assam.
Heard by:	Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das, Assam State Chief Information Commr.
Appellant was Represented by:	Self.
Public Authority was represented by	Smti Kulashree Nath, ACS

<u>O R D E R</u> 22.12.2014

The Second Appeal petition was taken up for hearing today. The petitioner Sri Soumitra Sengupta was present and the Public Authority was represented by Smti Kulashree Nath, ACS.

Although Notice was served and duly received by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam, their representative was absent.

The representative of the Office of Inspector General of Registration (IGR) submitted that they do not have the required information and that is why they referred it to the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, who in turn, informed the petitioner that the required information is not available with them also.

On a question by the Chief Information Commissioner, the representative of the office of IGR, as also the Petitioner submitted that the relevant Agreement was entered into between the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam and M/S IL&FS Technologies Ltd, who was engaged by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department as the Technical Consultant for implementing the ADB Project under Finance Department. The sought for information pertains to various personnel engaged by IL&FS Technologies Ltd for execution of the work on behalf of the Revenue

and Disaster Management Deptt. It transpired that the office of the IGR was not a party to the Agreement with IL&FS Technologies Ltd and, therefore, was not in a position to obtain the required information from IL&FS Technologies.

Therefore, the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam appears to be the Competent Authority to elicit the required information from IL&FS Technologies Ltd. The petitioner also agreed to this.

SPIO and Assistant Director, Land Records, Assam Smti K. Nath made a written submission which is entered in the case record.

Fix 11.30 A.M on 7-1-2015 for the next hearing. Issue Notices to the petitioner and the Public Authority, namely the office of IGR and Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Govt. of Assam to come up for hearing.

In case the petitioner or any of the Public Authorities remain absent at the time of the next hearing, the case will be heard <u>ex-parte</u>.

(H. S. Das) Assam State Information Commission Dispur, Guwahati-6

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