

OFFICE OF THE ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION JONAKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781 037

Case No. : **KP(M)35/2013**

Complainant/ appellant : Sri Dwijen Goswami

Respondent : Joint Secretary, GAD

Date of hearing : 18-12-2015

Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das, IAS (Retd)

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER

The public authority is represented by (1) Sri G. D. Laskar, Joint Secretary and SPIO, GAD and (2) Smti Amrita Boruah Singh, Sr. Administrative Asstt., GAD. The petitioner/ 2nd appellant is represented by (1) Sri Dwijen Goswami and (2) Sri Kamaleswar Singh, Advocate, Gauhati High Court.

The second appeal petition dated 19-10-2012 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.

The Joint Secretary and SPIO of GAD, has made a written submission dated 9th December, 2015, which is entered into the case records.

From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner Sri D. Goswami filed his RTI petition dated 22-5-2012 before the SPIO of Revenue, Settlement Department and another petition dated 30-6-2012 before the SPIO of the General Administration Department, Govt. of Assam. Vide letter dated 25th June, 2012 the SPIO of GAD informed the petitioner that (a) Kohli Commission report is not available in the department and (b) the recommendations of the Kohli Commission was not taken into consideration for creation of new district/subdivision at North Kamrup and for bifurcation of the existing Kamrup district into Kamrup and North Kamrup.

The petitioner is not satisfied with this reply. His point is that if Kohli Commission report is not available, then where is the question of not taking into consideration of the said report for creation of new district/subdivision or otherwise.

In reply to this Commission's query as to in which year the said Kohli Commission was constituted/ notified by the Govt., for what purpose, what was its terms of reference, copy of its Notification/ Department of the State Govt..which notified the Commission and when did the Kohli Commission submit its report – both the parties could not give any definitive reply.

The Commission, therefore, directs the Joint Secretary and SPIO, GAD to consult Revenue and Disaster Management department, Directorate of Archives, and Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) to elicit replies to the above questions and, if possible, furnish a copy of the report of the Kohli Commission or Kohli Committee – as the case may be.

The matter will be taken up again on <u>28th January, 2015 at 11 A.M</u> on the next date of hearing

Sd/(H. S. Das)
Assam State Chief Information Commissioner,
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Secretary & Registrar
Assam State Information Commission

Copy to:,

- 1. Sri G. D. Laskar, Joint Secretary and SPIO, GAD . Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Dwijen Goswami, C/O Jaya Bhattacharjya, Nabagiri Road, near Ambikiagiri Park House No.-19, Chandmari,Guwahati-3 for information .
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4.` Office File.

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