

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

Case No. : KP(M).206/2013

Complainant/ appellant : Shri P.Bezbaruah

Respondent : Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Guwahati

Date of hearing : 25. 2.2016

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

Appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

ORDER 25.2.2016

The petitioner/complainant Shri P. Bezbaruah is absent without information. The Public Authority is represented by Smti. Jyotsna Medhi Patgiri, ACS, ADC and SPIO, Kamrup (M) and Smt. Karabi S. Karan, Branch Officer, Land Record Branch of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) District. In view of the large number of pending cases before this Commission, the complaint petition dtd 22.4.13 filed by the petitioner is taken up for consideration ex-parte on merit in absence of the complainant.

In his complaint petition dtd 22.4.13, the petitioner has prayed before this Commission to give him relief by providing the information as sought for in his RTI application at the earliest in addition to any other relief/compensation as may be deemed fit. The complaint petition dtd 22.4.13 is therefore converted into and treated as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal petition.

It is seen from the case records that the petitioner has sent an RTI petition dtd 19.9.12 by speed post seeking information about – (a) whether the inquiry ordered by the Political Department, Govt. of Assam vide letter dtd 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 has been submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) and if yes, to provide him the details, (b) if not, reasons for the delay, and (c) action taken by the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) on his petition No. 6/DC/Pt dtd 21.7.12.

The SPIO of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) has filed a written submission dtd 18.2.16. In the written submission it has been stated that the RTI petition dtd 19.9.12 of Shri P. Bezbaruah was forwarded to the land records Branch and Land Revenue (Land Sale Branch) on 5.10.12. Other than marking a copy of the letter dtd 5.10.12, no substantial information have been given to the petitioner till date, although his RTI petition related to **complaints of land grabbing in connivance with some "gang" and based on false and forged documents.** 

This Commission views the lapse on the part of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup seriously. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) has filed a separate application dtd 25.2.16 praying for time for submission of replies as sought for by the applicant Shri P. Bezbaruah. This Commission grants 45 days' time from the date of receipt of this order to furnish clear and unambiguous information to the petitioner Shri P. Bezbaruah on all the three points raised by him in his RTI petition dtd 19.9.12.

Fix 21.4.16 at 11.00 AM.for review of the action taken by the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro).

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. KP(M).206/2013/

Dtd. 25.2.2016

Copy to:

- 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri P. Bezbaruah, B.R.Path, Dibrugarh-786001-14, Dist. Dibrugarh, Assam for information.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File.

Registrar
Assam Information Commission