

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

Case No. : **KP(M)213/ 2014** 

Complainant/ appellant : Shri Mamat Kalita

Respondent : Environment and Forest Department.

Date of hearing :16-7-2016

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

appeal heard by Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

## ORDER

The petitioner/ appellant Sri Mamat Kalita is absent without information. The public authority is represented by :- (1) Smti N. Dutta, ACS, Joint Secretary and SPIO, Environment and Forest Department.

The second appeal petition dated 12-2-2014 is taken up for consideration in pursuance of this Commission's earlier order dated 29-6-2016 ex-parte in the absence of the petitioner.

The SPIO and Joint Secretary of Environment and Forest Department submitted before this Commission : -

- (a) A copy of Rule 16 of the All India Service (Conduct) Rules, 1968 and
- (b) A set of instructions issued by Govt. of Assam and DOPT, Govt. of India regarding declaration of immovable property returns from time to time.

They are entered into the case records.

However, it could not be ascertained from the submitted documents whether the Immovable Property Returns of the All India Services Officers are in public domain accessible to any citizen of the country or whether they are treated as third party information or as confidential information not accessible by members of general public.

This Commission, therefore, directs both the petitioner and the respondent to submit relevant rules, guidelines and instructions issued by Govt. of India and Govt. of Assam from time to time. to establish conclusively whether the Immovable Property Returns submitted by All India Service Officers, including the Indian Forest Service Officers, are to be made accessible to any citizen of the country or whether they belong to the category of third party information. They will also submit before this Commission the position regarding declaration of Assets and Liabilities by All India Service Officers after 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 and for the period before that date so far as their public accessibility is concerned.

Fix 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at 11.30 A.M for next date of hearing

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

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Assam Information Commission

## Copy to:

- 1. Smti N. Dutta, ACS, Joint Secretary and SPIO, Environment and Forest Department. for information and necessary action.
- 2. Sri Sri Mamat Kalita, House No. 20 Urbara Path, Lakhiminagar, Dispur, Guwahati-38 for information and necessary action , as above.
- 3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 4. Office File
- 5. Order Book.

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