

Case No. : KP(M).87/2017  
Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Dudul Bharali  
Respondent : Guwahati Municipal Corporation  
Date of Hearing : 03-5-2017  
Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)  
appeal heard by : State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**  
**03-5-2017**

The petitioner Sri Dadul Bharali is absent without any information. Nor has he prayed for deferment of the date of hearing. The public authority is represented by :- (1) Sri O,Rajesh Singh, Public Grievance Officer, GMC, (2) Sri Ananda Kakati, Superintendent, GMC, Hoarding and Advertisement Branch, GMC and (3) Smti Sharmia Barbhuiya, Office Assistant, Hoarding and Advertisement Branch, GMC, as authorized by the PIO of GMC vide his letter dated 3-5-2017.

The Public Information Officer of GMC has made a written statement dated 3-5-2017 with enclosures, stating interalia , that after receipt of the First Appeal Petition dated 20-1-2017 the PIO collected the sought for informations from the Superintendent of Hoarding and Advertisement Branch of GMC and furnished the same to the petitioner, vide letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017, i.e., yesterday. It has been mentioned by the Superintendent I/C of hoarding and advertisement branch in his statement dated 29-4-2017 addressed to the PIO of GMC with regard to collection of revenue from Hoarding and other forms of displays permitted by GMC is not available for the period from 2003 to 2009. This position is not acceptable to the Commission, since the information sought for is between 20 years from the date of the RTI petition , i.e., 5-12-2016. Moreover, the total number of hoardings and displays allowed by the GMC in the last 15 years from 2001 to 2016 has been shown as 2930, i.e. an average of only 200 hoardings and displays allowed per year by GMC. This figure appears to be gross under-estimation and inadequate.

This Commission, therefore, directs the SPIO of GMC to retrieve the the revenue collection figures from the hoardings and displays for the period from 2003-04 to 2009-10 from their cash books, receipt books and from other relevant subsidiary registers. The SPIO is further directed to verify the number of displays permitted by GMC from 2001 to 2016 as furnished to the petitioners and examine whether the figures are correct or whether there are some omissions. Since larger public interest is involved in efficient collection of legitimate revenue by GMC, **this Commission directs the Commissioner of GMC to pay personal attention to the matter.** On the next date of hearing the SPIO is directed to file his detailed written submission with the approval of Commissioner, GMC, which fact should be mentioned in the written statement.

**Fix 2-6-2017 at 12.30 P.M for next hearing.**

**Issue notice to the petitioner and the SPIO of GMC accordingly.**

Sd/-

**(H. S. Das)  
State Chief Information Commissioner,  
Assam**

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**Registrar  
Assam Information Commission**

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**Dated 03-5-2017**

**Copy to:-**

- 1) Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
- 2) Sri O,Rajesh Singh, Public Grievance Officer, GMC, Panbazar, Guwahati-781 001 for information and necessary action, as ordered above..
- 3) Sri Ananda Kakati, Superintendent, GMC, Hoarding and Advertisement Branch, GMC for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 4) Sri Dadul Bharali, House No.-6, Terminal Road, Near New Dukhiya Store, Jyotinagar, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21 for information.
- 5) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 6) Office file.
- 7) Order Book.

**Registrar  
Assam Information Commission.**