

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

Case No. : KP(M).798/2016
Complainant/ Appellant : Shri Sajall Singh
Respondent : Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro), Guwahati-1
Date of hearing : 18.1.2018
Complaint/ Second : Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd)
Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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18.1.18

1. The respondent Shri Prasanta Pratim Kathkotia, Addl. Deputy Commissioner and SPIO of the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) is present. He made a written submission stating that due to the ongoing work of preparation of national Register of Citizen (NRC) for Assam, the inquiry as ordered by this Commission could not be completed till date. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) has meanwhile entrusted Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Shri Gunajit Kashyap, ACS, to do the inquiry in place of Shri Khitish Ch. Pegu, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner i/c of NRC. The SPIO present today submitted that the new inquiry officer may be given two months' more time to complete the inquiry and submit the report.
2. In this context it is noted that vide its order dated 7.6.17 this Commission directed the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) to cause an inquiry into the cause of missing of records, which were happening quite frequent. Four months' time was fixed for submission of the inquiry report. On 2.11.17 the SPIO and Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) deposed that Shri Khitish Ch. Pegu, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commission, Kamrup (M) was entrusted with the inquiry and that the inquiry was under progress. The SPIO prayed for 60 days' more time to submit the report and accordingly extension of time was granted.
3. However, from the deposition made by the SPIO and Addl. Deputy Commissioner before this Commission today it appears that the inquiry has not made any progress and the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) has now entrusted the inquiry to Addl. Deputy Commissioner Shri Gunajit Kashyap, ACS in place of Shri Khitish Ch. Pegu, ACS. **It is reiterated that the missing of important land records and the frequency of disappearance of such records is a matter of significant public interest. Completion of the inquiry as ordered by the Commission on 7.6.17 brooks no further delay. The new inquiry officer, Shri Gunajit Kashyap,ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) is given time upto 20.3.2018 for submission of the inquiry report before this Commission. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) is directed to supervise proper conduct and completion of the inquiry. The inquiry officer along with the SPIO are directed to remain personally present on the next date of hearing.**

Fix 12.30 PM on 20.3.2018 for next hearing.

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

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Assam Information Commission

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1. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro), Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
 2. Shri Prasanta Praatim Khatkotia, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner & SPIO of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
 3. Shri Gunajit Kashyap, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro), Panbazar, Guwahati- 781 001 for information and necessary action.
 - 4..Shri Sajall Singh, S/O Shri Gurudev Singh, Ohid Market, near Hasana Complex, G.S. Road, Fancy Bazar, PO- Panbazar, Guwahati- 781 001 for information and appearance on the next date of hearing.
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