

**OFFICE OF THE
ASSAM INFORMATION COMMISSION****JONAKKEE COMPLEX, SHILPGRAM ROAD, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI- 781037**Phone : (0361) 2332704, 2337900, 2331193 :: Fax : 2332704 :: email : secretary.sicassam@gmail.com

Case No. : **KP(M).903/2017**
Complainant/ Appellant : **Sri Utpal Das**
Respondent : **Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M)/Sr. Sub Registrar,**
Date of Hearing : **18-1-2018**
Complaint/ Second : **Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)**
appeal heard by : **State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam**

O R D E R
18-1-2018

1. The appellant/petitioner Sri Utpal Das is absent. The public authority is represented by Sr. Sub-Registrar, Kamrup (Metro) Sri Nirhandra Thaosen
2. The second appeal petition dated 4-9-2017 read with the petitioner's RTI petition dated 16-2-2017 is taken up for consideration ex-parte in the absence of the appellant/petitioner.
3. The Sr. Sub Registrar furnished a copy of his letter dated 4-12-2017 addressed to the petitioner, Sri Utpal Das, informing him that copy of the Deed No. 1166/2004 may be provided after observing the official formalities. There is a prescribed procedure, application form and fees to obtain certified copies of Registered land sale deed. The Sr. Sub Registrar informed this Commission that the petitioner has not yet approached him after his letter dated 4-12-2017 to complete the necessary formalities for obtaining a copy of the registered sale deed.
4. As against the other sale deed No. 5031 dated 5-6-2003, the petitioner was informed by the same letter dated 4-12-2017 that it could not be found in the computerized office records. The Sr. Sub Registrar submitted before this Commission orally that on 18 -01-2010 an agreement was signed between the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) and M/S Web.com (India) Pvt. Ltd for digitization of the old registered deeds. The hard copies of the old registered deeds were handed over to the private company for scanning and digitization. He further submitted that he assumed his present office about four months back and that original hard copies of several such registered deeds were found missing after the scanning and digitization work. Moreover while some sale deeds were not scanned and digitized even though the e-panjeevan project is over, in some cases neither the original and hard copy of the sale deed is available , nor have they been scanned and digitized.
5. This Commission is of the view that this is a serious matter involving substantial public interest. The missing sale deeds may also be misused by way of manipulation, forgery, alteration etc. if they had fallen into unauthorized and unscrupulous hands.

The Sr. Sub-Registrar is , therefore, directed to submit an affidavit on or before the next date of hearing containing the following informations :-

- (a) **No. of registered deeds in hard copies handed over to the private company;**
- (b) **No. of hard copies received back from the private company, and**
- (c) **No. of registered deeds scanned and digitized by the private company as on today (18-1-2018).**

6. Fix 6-3-2018 , 1.30 P.M for next hearing.

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

**Authenticated true copy
Sd/-
Registrar
Assam Information Commission**

Memo No SIC/ KP(M). 903/2017/

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Dated 18-1-2018

Copy to:-

- 1) Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) District, Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information.
- 2) Sri Nirhandra Thaosen, Sr. Sub Registrar, Kamrup (Metro), office of the Deputy Commissioner, Panbazar, Guwahati-781 001 for information and necessary action.
- 3) Sri Utpal Das, House No-41, Rong Pathar Bye Lane, Fatashil Ambari, Guwahati-25 for information .
- 4) Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
- 5) Office file.
- 6) Order Book.

**Registrar
Assam Information Commission.**

