

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

Case No. : KP(M).4388/2016 Complainant/ Appellant : Sri B.C. Thakuria

Respondent Guwahati Municipal Corporation

## <u>O R D E R</u>

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Seen the review petition dated Nil submitted by Sri Santanu Das, son of Sri Tarun Ch. Kochari, Associate Planner, in Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) praying for review of this Commission's order dated 12-1-2018. By its order dated 12-1-2018 this Commission imposed a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- on Sri Santanu Das for his failure to furnish the sought for informations to the petitioner Sri B.C.Thakuria and for non-compliance of this Commission's earlier orders dated 12-10-20178, 15-11-2017 and 14-12-2017. Being aggrieved by that order Sri Santanu Das, Associate Planner, GMC filed an un-dated review petition which was received by this Commission on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, praying for a review of the order imposing penalty on the following grounds:-

- a) That this Commission's orders dated 12-10-2017 and 15-11-2017 were not served on him and, therefore, he had no knowledge of those orders.
- b) That only one day before the hearing on 14-12-2017 i.e., on 13-12-2017 Commissioner, GMC gave him the responsibility of complying with CIC, Assam's order dated 8-6-2017 and
- c) That he is not the regular SPIO of the Planning Branch of GMC. Only with regard to the instant second appeal case he was given the responsibility of SPIO, whereas one Sri Dipak Bezbaruah deals with all other matters of RTI in GMC.

The Registry of this Commission forwarded the review petition to the Commissioner, GMC vide forwarding letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 requesting her to clarify by way of an affidavit "whether the averments made by Sri Santanu Das, the petitioner, in his review petition are borne out by your official record and what is the correct position in the matter."

Commissioner, GMC submitted her affidavit on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 vide forwarding letter dated 20-3-2018. In her affidavit the Commissioner, GMC has clarified that

From the clarifications furnished by the Commissoner, GMC, it appears that there is no merit in the review petition filed by Sri Santanu Das and, therefore, this Commission does not find any ground to review its order dated 12-1-2018, except for the following modifications regarding award of penalty award.

Commissioner, GMC will recover the penalty of Rs. 12,500/- each from the monthly salary of Sri Santanu Das, Associate Planner, GMC for the months of April and May, 2018 and deposit the same in the Head of Account-"0070- other Administrative Services.

With the above order the review petition submitted by Sri Santanu Das , Associate Planner is disposed of."

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

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Registrar Assam Information Commission

Memo No. SIC/KP(M).438/2016/

Copy to:

- 1. Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation,, Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
- 2. Shri Santanu Das, Associate Planner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information.
- Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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- 5. Order Book.

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