

Case No. KP(M).798/2016
Complainant/ Appellant Sri Sajall Singh
Respondent Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District.
Date of Hearing 11.04.2018
Complaint/ Second Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)
appeal heard by State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

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11.04.2018

1. The appellant Sri Sajall Singh is absent without any information. The public authority is represented by (1) Sri Gunajit Kashyap, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District and (2) Sri Prasanta Protim Kathkotia, SPIO and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District.

2. The second appeal petition dated 20-12-2016 is taken up for further consideration ex parte in the absence of the petitioner.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) has sent a written submission dated 11-4-2018 enclosing a copy of the inquiry report dated 20th March, 2018 submitted by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District Sri Gunajit Kashyap. His written statement is entered into the case records. It has been stated in the report of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sri Kashyap that the original land sale proposal in question was found out after a vigorous search of voluminous old records. The search was facilitated by obtaining a photo copy of the deed of sale from the office of the Sub-Registrar and an un-signed copy of the permission which was up-loaded in the computer system. The SPIO submitted orally that the petitioner Sri Sajall Singh was already informed to collect the sought for information from his office.]

4. This Commission directs the SPIO to send the sought for information to the petitioner by registered post within 7 days from today if the petitioner does not come to collect it.

5, The Addl. Deputy Commissioner's report also mentions that due to piling of land records and other related documents and also due to lack of proper indexing of old land documents it sometimes becomes difficult to trace out some documents within short time limits.

6. As already mentioned in the earlier orders , this Commission has also observed that there are two main reasons for records being not available or readily available :-

- (a) Increasing volume of records which are to be maintained and slackening of necessary procedures like proper indexing and systematic search for quick retrieval of records;*
- (b) Loss , damage or destruction of records due to various reasons.*

7. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) is, therefore, directed to look into these two aspects and put in place a proper record keeping system in consonance with the relevant provisions of Assam Land Revenue Regulations, 1886, as well as Assam Public Records Act, 2002 , so as to facilitate safe keeping , preservation and quick retrieval .

8. With the above order the second appeal petition dated 20-12-2016 is disposed of.

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

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Dated 11.04.2018

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- 1) Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District, Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action as ordered above.
- 2) Sri Gunajit Kashyap, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District for information
- 3) Sri Prasanta Protim Kathkotia, SPIO and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District for information and necessary action.
- 4) Sri Sajall Singh, S/O Gurudev Singh, Ohid Market, Near Hasana Complex, S.S. Road, Fancy Bazar, P.O-Panbazar, Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action
- 5) Computer Section for uploading in the Website
- 6) Office file.
- 7) Order Book.**

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Assam Information Commission.