

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

Case No.	: DBR.09/2018
Complainant/ Appellant	: Sri P. Bezbaruah
Respondent	: Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam
Date of hearing	: 11.6.2018
Complaint/ Second Appeal heard by	: Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Rtd) Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

<u>ORDER</u> 11.6.18

1. The petitioner Sri P. Bezbaruah is absent. The public authority is represented by Sri Ananda Kumar Das, SPIO and Deputy Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam.

2. The second appeal petition dated 14.2.2018 is taken up for hearing ex-parte in the absence of the petitioner. It is recorded that the petitioner has sent a written communication dated 6.6.18 stating that due to unavoidable circumstances he is not in a position to appear before this Commission today. It is also noted that the same petitioner had filed several RTI applications earlier also and he has never attended the hearings before this Commission, leading to ex-parte disposal of his applications.

3. In the present case also the appellant has requested to take necessary action as deemed fit and dispose of the second appeal petition in his absence on the basis of his written communication dated 6.6.18. Accordingly, the second appeal petition dated 14.2.18 is taken up for hearing and disposal ex-parte.

4. From perusal of the case records it is seen that the petitioner Sri P. Bezbaruah filed an RTI petition dated 20.9.17 before the SPIO of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam seeking informations about action taken by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department on and the present status, of the petitioner's prayer dated 5.6.17 submitted before the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam seeking a high level investigation into the alleged preparation of bogus land sale deeds, false registration of land sale/ purchase deeds with back dates and tampering of the land records in collusion with revenue officials. The SPIO and Deputy Secretary of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam submitted a statement dated 11.6.18 stating the actions taken by the department. The gist of his submission is that vide letter dated 28th May, 2018 the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) has been asked to cause an inquiry into the matter and submit the report at an early date and vide a letter dated 4th June, 2018 the petitioner was informed about this.

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5. In view of the above, the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam is directed to issue instruction to the Deputy Commission, Kamrup (M) to submit his inquiry report within 30 days from the date of this order to Revenue and Disaster Management Department. The Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam is further directed to take necessary action on Deputy Commissioner's inquiry report within another 30 days thereafter and inform the petitioner about action taken within another 15 days thereafter.

Put up on 10th September at 12.30 PM for review of action taken.

Sd/-

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

Authenticated true copy.

Sd/-Registrar Assam Information Commission

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Dated. 11.6.2018

- Copy to: 1. The Deputy Secretary & SPIO of Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for information and necessary action.
 - 2. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Guwahati-781 001 for information and necessary action.
 - 3. Sri P. Bezbaruah, B.R. Path, PO- Dibrugarh, Assam, PIN- 786001 for information.
 - 4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
 - 5. Office File.
 - 6. Order Book.

Registrar Assam Information Commission