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Case No.	:No.DHR.14/2018
Complainant/ Appellant	Sri Bansilal Gupta
Respondent	:Circle Officer, Dhubri
Date of Hearing	:03-10-2018
Complaint/ Second	:Shri H. S. Das, IAS (Retd)
appeal heard by	:State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

O R D E R
03-10-2018

1. The petitioner Sri Bansilal Gupta is present accompanied by Sri Subhan Kumar Gupta to assist him. The public authority i.e., Circle Officer and In Charge Assistant Settlement Officer of Dhubri Revenue Circle is absent. But he has sent a written statement dated 1-10-2018 through his Jr. Assistant Md Abdul Malek. His written statement is entered into the case records.
2. The second appeal petition dated 29-1-2018 read with the petitioner's RTI petition dated 23-10-2017 is taken up for hearing in presence of both the parties.
3. The Assistant Circle Officer has stated in his written statement that the RTI petition dated 23-10-2017 was already responded to by furnishing informations vide letter dated 8-11-2017 which was received by the petitioner on 29-11-2017. The petitioner was not satisfied with it. He filed a first appeal dated 29-1-2018 in response to which informations were furnished vide letter dated 7-8-2018 which was received by the petitioner on 9-8-2018. The second appeal petition dated 29-1-2018 preceeds the informations furnished on 9-8-2018.
4. From the informations furnished so far, it is seen that Settlement Operation is going on in Dhubri town, and therefore, the i/c ASO is not in a position to furnish definitive and clear cut informations to the petitioner, as stated by the ASO.
5. However, the petitioner submitted orally that some erroneous records have been prepared in course of the on-going settlement operation which will harm the interests of the petitioner. Therefore, he wanted a clear response to the points mentioned in his RTI petition without any further delay. He apprehends that once the Settlement Operation is completed on the basis of erroneous records, then his legitimate interests will be severely damaged.
6. It also transpired in course of today's hearing that there is some land dispute involving the plot of land mentioned in the RTI petition. The petitioner through his oral submissions stated that he wants to have a clear picture on the present status of the land mentioned in the RTI petition, including demarcation of the plot of land as mentioned at point No. 2 of his RTI petition.

7. In view of the above, the I/C Asstt. Settlement Officer , Dhubri is directed to allow the petitioner to inspect all relevant records pertaining to the plot of land mentioned in the RTI petition during office hours on any working day within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and also allow him to take notes and photocopies of the documents free of cost up to 20 pages and thereafter against payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy. The i/c ASO , Dhubri is also directed to inform the petitioner about the present status of the petitioner's request for demarcation of the land with reference to point No.2 of the RTI petition.
8. After obtaining the relevant records , as aforesaid, if the petitioner has any grievance relating to the on-going Settlement Operation concerning his plot of land he may approach the competent revenue authorities for redressal of his grievances.
9. Fix 19.11.2018 at 12.30 P.M for review of compliance . Assistant Settlement Officer is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing.

Sd/-

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

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Sd/-
Joint Registrar
Assam Information Commission.

Memo No. SIC/ DHR.14/2018

Dated 03-10-2018

Copy to :-

1. SPI In Charge Assistant Settlement Officer of Dhubri Revenue Circle for information and necessary action as ordered above.
2. SPIO of the office of Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri for information.
3. Sri Sri Bansilal Gupta ,Ward No.-5,UNC road, P.O & Dist- Dhubri, Assam, PIN -783 301 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office file.
6. Order Book.

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