



**OFFICE OF THE  
ASSAM INFORMATIONS COMMISSION  
JONAKKEE COMPLEX, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037**

Case No : KP(M).820/2019  
 Complainant/ Appellant : Sri Utpal Das.  
 Respondent : SPIO of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup(M).  
 Date of hearing : 11.9.2019  
 Complaint/ Second : Shri H.S. Das. IAS (Retd)  
 Appeal heard by : Chief Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R**

11.9.2019

1. The petitioner/ appellant Sri Utpal Das is absent. He sent an e-mail dated 11.9.2019 praying to pass necessary orders and directions to the concerned public authority to furnish the remaining part of the informations. He mentioned that he has meanwhile received informations against point Nos. 1(i), 3(i) and 6(ii) out of the 8 points of his RTI petition.
2. Sri Lachit Kr. Das, SPIO and Additional Deputy Commissioner Kamrup(M) is present from the public authority. He has sent a written submission dated 9.9.2019, which is entered into the case records. It is seen from the enclosures of the written submission that the Deputy Commissioner Kamrup(M) and First Appellate Authority heard the first appeal petition dated 26.2.2019 and passed a speaking order dated 10.7.2019 directing the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Land Settlement Branch to provide informations to the petitioner within 10.8.2019 without fail. **It appears that the ADC, Land Settlement Branch has not yet complied with the direction of the First Appellate Authority.**
3. The SPIO submitted orally that the informations sought for are mostly copies of land sale permissions dating from 1988 and that till 2017 there was no online system for issue of land sale permissions. Therefore, the sought for informations by the petitioner will have to be searched out from thousands of files now stored in the records room. He also admitted that such records have not been maintained systematically, making the task for furnishing the sought for informations very difficult. **This Commission had earlier also passed order giving directions to Deputy Commissioner Kamrup(M) for proper maintenance of land records in his office.** It is reiterated that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts are the custodian of land records, some of which are of permanent nature. In the opinion of this Commission, land sale permissions are also very important public documents, especially in an environment where large number of fraudulent land sales and purchases are reported.
4. **The Deputy Commissioner Kamrup(M) is, therefore, directed to take effective steps for proper maintenance of land sale permissions in a systematic manner so that information seekers are not denied their right to information under the RTI Act, 2005.** He is further directed to complete the task of rearranging the land sale permissions records in a systematic manner within a period of two months and

furnish the remaining sought for informations to the petitioner within 60 days from the date of this order which was pronounced before the SPIO of Deputy Commissioner's Office.

5. In case some of the sought for informations were not found, then the SPIO is directed to obtain the same from the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Kamrup(M) and furnish the same to the petitioner within the time period mentioned above.

6. As regard point No. 8 of the RTI petition, the reply given by the ADC, Land Settlement Branch, stating that the file could not be traced out because the names of the then DCs and ADCs were not provided, appears to be **frivolous**. He is directed to take the trouble to obtain the names of the then DCs and ADCs from the Personnel Branch of DC's office, trace out the file and furnish the informations to the petitioner within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

7. With the above order, the second appeal petition dated 31.5.2019 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(H. S. Das)

Chief Information Commissioners, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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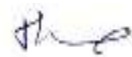
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**Dated. 11.9.2019**

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1. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
2. The SPIO of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup(M), Guwahati-1 for information and necessary action.
3. The Petitioner, Sri Utpal Das, House No-41, Rang Pathar Bye lane, Fatashil Ambari, Guwahati-25 for information.
4. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
5. Office File
6. Order Book



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