PRESS RELEASE

Land owner gets justice by utilizing RTI Act

One Sri Janga Venkat Reddy S/o. Veeraiah, R/o. Jangaoon, Warangal District is the owner, Pattedar and possessor of land measuring Ac-0.31 gts in Sy.No.493/B situated in Potharam (S) village of Husnabad Mandal and his name was recorded as Pattedar under Khata No.314 and in Pahanies correctly upto 1997-98.

From 1998-99 he noticed certain discrepancies in the Pahanies as some other persons names appeared in the Pahanies.

The said Venkat Reddy filed applications before Tahsildar, Husnabad on 17-09-2012 and 17-12-2012 for rectifications of the said errors. But of no avail.

On 21-09-2012 he filed an application U/s. 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 before the PIO / Tahsildar, Husnabad.

The PIO / Tahsildar, Husnabad informed the appellant on 08-10-2012 and 16-02-2013 that the records are not available.

Then the appellant filed 1st Appeal on 13-03-2013 before the 1st A.A. / RDO, Karimnagar but failed to get any information.

On this appellant filed 2nd Appeal before this Commission on 21-06-2013 which was numbered as C.No.15171/SIC-SPR/2013 and came up for hearing before the State Information Commissioner Sri S.Prabhakar Reddy.

Notices were sent to the parties and case came up for hearing on 30-09-2013. The PIO / Tahsildar, Husnabad appeared before the Commission and submitted that the records are not available. On this the Commission directed him to conduct field enquiry or trace out the files and furnish information within 15 days (order copy enclosed).

Even then the PIO and other Revenue officers slept over the applications and failed to give any reply.

On this the Commission directed to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO / Tahsildar, Husnabad Sri A.Ravinder, who is presently working as Tahsildar, Jannaram, Adilabad District.

The Show Cause Notice was issued and the case came up for hearing on 25-07-2014.

Sri A.Ravinder, the then PIO / Tahsildar, Husnabad appeared and filed affidavit stating that as per the directions of the Commission enquiry was conducted and report was submitted to RDO, Karimnagar who heard it on Judicial side and passed orders in favour of appellant (copy enclosed).

The RDO passed orders for cancelling the Pattedar Pass Book and TD No.245737 and directed the Tahsildar, Husnabad to restore the name of appellant as Pattedar and record his name against Sy.No.493/B to the extent of Ac-0.31 gts in the Pahani of current year.

The appellant with the help of provisions made under RTI Act, 2005 and due to intervention of State Information Commissioner got the irregularities in his land records rectified.