

Heard Ms. D. Borgohain, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. D. Bora, learned Standing Counsel, Revenue Department. Although by order dated 8.8.2013, the learned Standing Counsel, Revenue Department was directed to obtain instruction but Mr. Bora, learned Standing Counsel, Revenue Department submits that he has not been furnished with any instruction.

According to the petitioner, there is inaction on the part of the respondents in not finalizing the proposal for settlement of 9 Bighas of Govt. Grass land covered by Dag No. 747 of Chalengi Gaon under Mowkhowa Mouza, which is under use of the petitioner of Mini Tea cultivation. According to the petitioner, the Deputy Commissioner, Golaghat has forwarded the proposal for settlement of the land to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (Settlement) Department way back in 2000 (3.1.2000) but no action was taken in the matter. As stated in the writ petition, the petitioner wanted to get the information regarding settlement of the land in his favour vide his RTI application dated 4.12.2012 but the same has also not been responded to, the petitioner apprehends eviction from the land.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to consider the prayer of the petitioner for settlement of the land and upon such consideration if it is found that the land is feasible to be settled with the petitioner, appropriate order in this regard shall be passed. Let the exercise in terms of this order shall be carried out within 3 (three) months. Whatever may be the outcome of the consideration, shall be communicated to the petitioner. Till then, status quo as on today shall be maintained.

With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of, without however, any order as to costs.