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No. NIC/Appeal-9/2017-18

Dated Kohima, the 6th February, 2018.

Subject: Notice for Hearing on 8th March, 2018 (Thursday) at 2:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, under Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commission had received a second appeal dated 28.06.2017 by email on 28.06.2017 from Shri. Renet Nidang, Perenkipeuzang Village, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9436015902 stating that he did not receive any information from the District Forest Officer & PIO, District Forest Office, to his RTI application dated 07.04.2017 and to his subsequent first appeal to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Nagaland, Kohima submitted through Speed Post bearing No. EE4660022097IN.

AND WHEREAS, the applicant had earlier submitted an RTI application dated 07.04.2017 addressed to the PIO, District Forest Officer, Jalukie, Peren, Nagaland along with the prescribed application fee of Rs. 10/- in cash seeking the following information:-

- 1. How many number of Forest Development Agency (FDA) Projects have been set up till date in Peren District, under National Afforestation Programme?*
- 2. Kindly provide the details of information of all the FDA projects in Peren district with details account of financial assistance with bank statement as a proof.*
- 3. Under Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development projects Scheme (IAEPS), how many projects have been set up till date in Peren district? Also, kindly furnish all the detail information of the projects' Names, Addresses, Year of implementation and the sizes?*
- 4. Please provide details account of money incurred in assisting the projects under IAEPS since inception till date in Peren district with a supplement of all details bank transaction statements.*
- 5. How many projects are taken up till date in Peren district under Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce? Please provide details of the projects with financial reports with the support of bank statements.*
- 6. Under Area Oriented Fuel-wood and Fodder Project Scheme (AOFFPS), how many projects have been set up till date in Peren district? Please provide the details of all the projects along with the information of activities undertaken?*
- 7. Please provide all the detail account of financial assistance provided to projects under AOFFPS with a support of detail bank transaction statements.*
- 8. Under Green India Mission (GIM), how many projects have been taken up in Peren district till date? Please provide the detail activities of all the projects along with financial assistance report with a bank transaction statement?*

AND WHEREAS, the RTI application dated 07.04.2017 was received by the public authority on the same day as evidenced on the body of the RTI application, however, since there was no response from the PIO, District Forest Officer, Jalukie, Peren within the stipulated time, the applicant had submitted first appeal through Speed Post bearing No. EE4660022097IN.

AND WHEREAS, the first appeal was received by the public authority on 25.05.2017 as evidenced on the tracking event which was downloaded from the website and enclosed in his appeal, however, on not getting any response from the First Appellate Authority to his first appeal, the applicant (now appellant), had preferred a second appeal dated 28.06.2017 to the Commission by email.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the second appeal dated 28.06.2017, since the First Appeal was not heard, the Commission had, vide letter of even No. dated 07.09.2017 directed the First Appellate Authority to take up the first appeal by hearing the parties i.e, the applicant and the PIO concerned and pass decision within 1 (one) month from the date of receipt of the directive and submit a copy of the decision to this Commission.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the directive of the Commission of even No. dated 07.09.2017, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & First Appellate Authority had, vide No. FE-1/4/05/RTI/MISC/5239 dated 07.10.2017 issued Notice for Hearing fixed on 10.10.2017 at 11:00 A.M in the office chamber of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force.

AND WHEREAS, after hearing the first appeal on 10.10.2017 at 11:00 A.M, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & First Appellate Authority had, vide letter No. FE-1/15/2010(RTI)/5465 dated 17.10.2017 submitted the statement given by the applicant and the PIO & DFO, Peren Division, Dr. Sentitula, IFS. The First Appellate Authority in his findings observed that the information was furnished on 02.05.2017 by the former PIO & DFO, Shri. Senthil Kumar, IFS by post, however, the applicant did not receive the information due to the reasons that the contact number given by the applicant was non-functional and the address provided was incomplete. Further, during the hearing, the FAA submitted that the information was furnished to the applicant, however, the applicant later returned the information to the First Appellate Authority after fifteen (15) minutes without any comments.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above statements from the FAA, the Commission had, vide letter of even No. dated 08.11.2017 directed the the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & First Appellate Authority to submit a copy of the information furnished to the applicant (now appellant) and also to confirm the satisfaction or non-satisfaction from the applicant (now appellant) within two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of the Commission's directive.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the directive of the Commission of even No. dated 08.11.2017, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & First Appellate Authority had, vide letter No. FE-1/15/2010(RTI)/6135 dated 15.11.2017 directed the applicant (now appellant) to submit confirmation of satisfaction or non-satisfaction of information furnished to him within two (2) weeks.

AND WHEREAS, the applicant (now appellant) had on 23.11.2017 wrote to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & First Appellate Authority requesting to furnish him the information as sought for through postal service within two (2) weeks time.

AND WHEREAS, in response to the request of the applicant (now appellant) dated 23.11.2017, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & First Appellate Authority had, vide letter No. FE-1/15/2010(RTI)/ 6687-88 dated 08.12.2017 furnished the information to the applicant (now appellant) with a copy to the Commission. Further, the FAA had also, vide letter No. FE-1/15/2010(RTI)/6685 dated 08.12.2017 submitted to the Commission a copy of the

information furnished to the applicant (now appellant) and alongwith a copy of the letter dated 23.11.2017 of the applicant.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission has decided to hear the appeal giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **8th March, 2018 (Thursday) at 2:00 P.M** in the **Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Below Raj Bhavan, Officers' Hill Colony, Nagaland, Kohima.**

NOW THEREFORE, it is notified that the following parties are directed to appear before this Commission and **also to bring the files and relevant documents** in question for scrutiny, on the above date and time for hearing:-

- i. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force & First Appellate Authority, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Nagaland, Kohima.
- ii. Dr. Sentitula, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer & PIO, Peren Division, Jalukie.
- iii. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Renet N dang, Perenkipeuzang Village, Peren, Nagaland.

Sd/-

CHANBEMO LOTH

Chief Information Commissioner

Dated Kohima, the 6th February, 2018.

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Copy to:-

1. The PPS to the Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the CIC.
2. The PA to the State Information Commissioner (K), Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the SIC (K).
3. The PA to the State Information Commissioner (R), Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the SIC (R).
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force & First Appellate Authority, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Nagaland, Kohima.
5. Dr. Sentitula, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer & PIO, Peren Division, Jalukie.
6. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Renet N dang, Perenkipeuzang Village, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9436015902.
7. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website and Notice Board.
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Secretary