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No. NIC/Appeal-7/2011-12

Dated Kohima, the 3rd December, 2011.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force & First Appellate Authority, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Nagaland, Kohima.

Subject: Appeal under section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. FE-1/15/2010(RTI)/8302 dated 01.11.2011, I am directed to say that this Commission had vide this office letter of even No. dated 11.11.2011 advised the appellant, Miss. Lily Merry, Legal Consultant, Notary & Advocate, Opp. District and Session Judge Court, Dimapur, Nagaland to file first appeal to the First Appellate Authority who is the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nagaland, Kohima as the first appeal dated 15/07/2011 was wrongly addressed to the HOD, Office of the Wildlife Division, Dimapur.

Accordingly, on the direction of this Commission, the first appeal was filed by the applicant vide letter dated 23.11.2011(copy enclosed). However, this Commission received another letter dated 24.11.2011from the applicant/appellant stating that the first appeal was refused admittance on the ground that it was submitted after the time limit.

In this connection, the Commission viewed that ignorance or filing appeal to the wrong appellate authority can be a sufficient cause for failure in the filing of appeal to the right appellate authority. Hence, under section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commission directs that the appeal be admitted since it is observed that there is no malafides established in filing to the wrong appellate authority and/or filing to the right appellate authority after the expiry of the period of thirty days.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosed: a.a.

(SOYIMNA AIER KOZA)

Secretary

Dated Kohima, the 3rd December, 2011.

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- 1. The P.P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the CIC.
- 2. The P.A to the State Information Commissioner(K), Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the SIC.
- 3. The P.A to the State Information Commissioner(B), Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the SIC.
- 4. Miss. Lily Merry, Legal Consultant, Notary & Advocate, Opp. District and Session Judge Court, Dimapur, Nagaland for information.
- 5. Office Copy.