NAGALAND INFORMATION COMMISSION OLD SECRETARIAT COMPLEX POST BOX NO. 148 NAGALAND KOHIMA – 797001

No.NIC/Compln-11/2008 Dated Kohima, the 11th July, 2008

Complainant : Shri Md. Joynal Uddin,

C/o Firoz Manzil, South Ramnager (PEC) Akhaora Road, Agartala-799001

Tripura.

Respondent : Department of Transport and

Public Authority Communication, Office of the District

Transport Officer, Mokokchung

Nagaland.

Date of Hearing - 06.2.2008 Date of Decision - 27.2.2008

Show cause

The Commission in its decision dated 27.2.2008 had directed the Public Information Officer (PIO) and Regional Transport Officer (RTO) of Mokokchung to show cause as to why he should not pay penalty for delay of 117 days, at the rate of Rs. 250/- per each day of delay not exceeding Rs. 25,000.00, in furnishing information sought by RTI applicant Shri Md. Joynal Uddin, Agartala, which was received on 6.9.2007. The PIO Shri Elias T. Lotha was also directed to fix responsibility on any official or staff, if such official/staff had contributed to the delay at his or her level. In his submission of show cause reply, Shri Elias T. Lotha PIO and RTO, Office of RTO Mokokchung, dated 10th March, 2007 has stated that the RTI application of Shri Md. Joynal Uddin was duly received in the Office on 6th September, 2007, but it was recovered from the locker of Miss Tsukjemkala L.D.A. on the 30th of January, 2008. The information sought was given on the next day. The PIO has stated that "the delay was caused at the level of the Dealing Assistant Miss Tsukjemkala L.D.A who kept it in her locker and unintentionally failed to bring it to the notice of her superiors or colleagues".

It is observed that the Dealing Assistant concerned had contributed to the delay in furnishing the information.

The Commission therefore direct Miss Tsukjemkala, L.D.A. Office of the Regional Transport Officer, Mokokchung to show cause as to why she should not pay penalty for the period of delay at her level in furnishing the information sought at the rate of Rs. 250/- per each day of delay not exceeding Rs. 25,000.00 on or before 24.7.2008 in writing or in person.

Copies be given to

- 1. Miss Tsukjemkala L.D.A., Office of the Regional Transport Officer, Mokokchung, Nagaland.
- 2. Shri Elias T. Lotha, Public Information Officer and Regional Transport Officer, Mokokchung.
- 3. The Transport Commissioner, Nagaland, Kohima.

(P. TALITEMJEN AO)IAS (Rtd)

Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland.

(REV.DR. W. PONGSING KONYAK)

State Information Commissioner, Nagaland (**DR. KUHOI K ZHIMOMI**)
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