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

No. NIC/Compln-55/2010/ Dated Kohima, the 9th Sept, 2010.

Complainant : Shri. B. Krishna Murthy,

D.No.4-7/1-79, B-Block, TUDA Apartments I.S. Mahal

Road, Tirupati.

Respondent : Department of Finance

Public Authority Government of Nagaland, Kohima.

Date of Hearing - 1.9.2010

Present - Shri. V. Kezo, PIO and OSD Finance Department

Shri. B. Krishna Murthy Complainant was not present.

Facts.

The Commission received a complaint form Shri B. Krishna Murthy Tirupati on 4.8.2010 under Section 18 (1) (C) of the RTI Act 2005 stating that he had submitted RTI application dated 16.6.2010 to the Public Information Officer, department of Finance, Government of Nagaland Kohima but he had not received the information sought, even after the prescribed 30 days have lapsed. He requested for early reply on the matter.

During the hearing on 1.8.2010 Shri. V. Kezo PIO and Officer on Special Duty (Gen) Finance Department, Nagaland stated that he received the RTI application of Shri. Krishna Murthy dated 16.6.2010 on 29.6.2010. He had arranged the informations sought by the applicant and enclosed the same with a letter addressed to Shri. B. Krishna Murthy on 16.7.2010 which he sent to the Deputy Secretary (Revenue) in the Department who marked it to the Branch on the same day for dispatch. He submitted that on 16.8.2010 he received a copy of Shri. Krishna Murthy's complaint dated 18.7.2010 to the Commission saying that he had not been furnished the information by the PIO. He therefore sent the information sought with another forwarding letter dated 18.8.2010 to Shri. B. Krishna Murthy at his address in Tirupati, by Speed Post on 19.8.2010. He produced photocopies of the Speed Post receipts issued by the Post Office at Kohima.

In the meantime the Commission on 8.9.2010 received a letter from Shri. B. Krishna Murthy dated 23.8.2010 informing that he had received the information sought which was sent by the PIO on 19.7.2010 from Kohima, on 27th July 2010.

The Commission observe that it would have helped if Shri. B. Krishna Murthy informed the Commission about the receipt of the information on 27.7.2010 at the earliest, instead of waiting till 23.8.2010. It is also advised that applicants /Complainants use PIN CODE Number and name of the State in which the place of residence given in the address is located.