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No. NIC/Complaint-9/2014-15

Dated Kohima, the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

Complainant(s): Renet N dang,  
C/o Head D.B,  
D.C Office,  
Peren, Nagaland,  
Mobile No. 9436015902

Respondent(s): Smti. Imtimenla Imchen,  
Project Director & PIO,  
District Rural Development Agency,  
Peren district.

Public Authority: Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.

Date of hearing: 11.02.2015 at 11:00 AM.

Date of Decision: 16.02.2015.

Present:

1. Smti. Imtimenla Imchen, Project Director & PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9436008665.
2. Shri. Heipeuding Ilunglung, APO & APIO, DRDA, Peren, Mobile No. 9402742629.
3. The applicant(now complainant), Renet N dang, C/o Head D.B, D.C Office, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9436015902.

**FACT OF THE CASE**

An applicant, Renet N dang, C/o Head D.B, D.C Office, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9436015902 had submitted an RTI application dated 30.10.2014 addressed to the PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren district, Nagaland alongwith prescribed fee of Rs. 10/- paid in cash requesting for information of various schemes implementation under District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Peren namely:-

1. How many households are covered so far under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) in Peren district?
2. How much amount of money is sanctioned for each individual household under IAY?
3. How many households were covered so far under IAY in Peren district? Please furnish the details.
4. Number of people employed under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guaranteed Act (MGNREGA) in Peren district?
5. How much amount of money is allocated to Peren district under MGNREGA annually?
6. How many Self Help Groups (SHGs) were formed under Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in Peren district till date?
7. How many SHGs were given the Revolving fund and Capital subsidy under SGSY in Peren district till date?
8. How much amount of money is sanctioned to Village Development Boards (VDBs) and Town Councils under backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) in Peren district till date?
9. Under the State sponsored Grant-in-Aid (GIA) scheme, how many allocations are provided to VDBs for infrastructure and income generation activities in Peren district till date?
10. Under the Non-Conventional-Energy (NCE) Cell, how many integrated Rural Energy Programmes (IREP) are taken up in Peren district? Kindly furnish the details.
11. Under NCE Cell, how many Energy Park are established so far in Peren district?

Since there was no reply to his RTI application dated 30.10.2014 from the concerned PIO within the stipulated time frame of 30 days, the applicant had submitted a complaint dated 01.12.2014 before this Commission.

The applicant (now complainant) had also informed the Commission by email dated 06.01.2015 stating that since he had not received any response to his RTI application dated 30.10.2014, he had submitted a complaint dated 01.12.2014 before this Commission by speed post vide No. EE426936510IN, and sought further advice from the Commission.

The Commission has decided to hear the complaint, giving opportunity to the parties, on **11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM**, in the **Hearing Room of the Nagaland Information Commission, Old Secretariat Complex, Kohima**.

#### **OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:**

The Commission received a letter dated 06.02.2015 from the applicant(now complainant) on **09.02.2015 at 11:45 AM** stating that he **withdrew** his RTI complaint against DRDA, Peren since he was **satisfied** with the information so received from the PIO, DRDA, Peren on **17.12.2014**. He also stated that he **would not be able to attend the hearing** on 11.02.2015 at 11:00 AM as he would be engaged in some pressing domestic problem.

However, the Commission did not accept the withdrawal letter dated 06.02.2015 submitted by the applicant(now complainant), since it was submitted to the Commission only after the Notice for hearing dated 30.01.2015 was issued. The Commission conducted the hearing as scheduled.

During the hearing, Smti. Imtinenla Imchen, Project Director & PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren district, Nagaland submitted that the RTI application dated 30.10.2014 was received on **03.11.2014**, and since the information were available at the blocks, she had written to all the four(4) BDOs under Peren District to furnish the information to the applicant(now complainant), vide letter No. DRDA/MGNREGA/RTI-1/2014-15/373 dated **11.11.2014**. A copy of the above letter written to all the four(4) BDOs under Peren District was also produced before the Commission.

And on receipt of the letter No. DRDA/MGNREGA/RTI-1/2014-15/373 dated 11.11.2014 from the Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren, all the four(4) BDOs under Peren District had submitted the information to the Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren vide letters shown below:-

- i. From BDO, RD Block, Jalukie vide No. RD/BDO/JLK/RTI-1/2013-14 dated 28.11.2014;
- ii. From BDO, RD Block, Peren vide No. RD/BDO/PRN/RTI-1/2013-14 dated 24.11.2014;
- iii. From BDO, RD Block, Ahthibung vide No. RD/BDO/ATB/RTI-1/2013-14 dated 04.12.2014;
- iv. From BDO, RD Block, Tening vide No. RD/BDO/PRN/RTI-1/2013-14 dated 05.12.2014;

On receipt of the information from all the above BDOs of the four(4) blocks under Peren District, the PIO had furnished it to the applicant(now complainant), vide letter No. DRDA/ESTT/ESTT/RTI/2013-14 dated **16.12.2014**. Copies of the letters of the BDOs of the four(4) blocks submitting the information to the Project Director & PIO and the letter of the PIO furnishing the information to the applicant(now complainant) were also produced before the Commission.

The Project Director & PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren district, Nagaland submitted that due to the prevailing poor communication facility and postal delays in receiving the information from the blocks, there was some delay in furnishing the complete information collected from all the blocks to the applicant(now complainant) and hence requested the Commission to condone the delay.

The Commission agreed with the submission of the Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren that since the poor communication facility and the postal delays are beyond the control of

the PIO and the BDOs, and as requested, the Commission took a lenient view and condoned the delay in furnishing of the complete information to the applicant(now complainant). Hence, no penalty is attracted.

**DECISION:**

On the above observations and findings, since after the information were collected from the BDOs of all the four(4) blocks under Peren District, the **complete information** was furnished to the applicant(now complainant) and that the applicant(now complainant) had also submitted **satisfaction** of the information so received, the Commission decided to declare this complaint case as **closed**.

Decision pronounced in presence of all parties present on 11.02.2015.

Copy be given to:-

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State Information Commissioner,  
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