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No. NIC/Appeal-15/2013-14

Dated Kohima, the 31st January, 2014

Appellant : Smti. Zeneisüle Ate Loucü,
C/o Avino Pusa,
Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation,
Nagaland, Kohima,
Mobile No. 09971020809

Respondent: (i) Shri. L. Singsit, IPS,
Special Secretary,
Home Department,
Nagaland, Kohima.

(ii) Shri. Wepretso Mero,
Secretary & PIO,
Home Department (Political Branch),
Nagaland, Kohima.

(iii) The Superintendent of Police,
Longleng, Nagaland.

Public Authority: Home Department, Political Branch, Nagaland, Kohima

Date of hearing: 29.01.2014 at 2:30 P.M.

Date of Decision: 31.01.2014.

Present:-

1. Shri. L. Singsit, IPS, Special Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Shri. Wepretso Mero, Secretary & PIO, Home Department, Political Branch, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. Shri. K. Walling, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Nagaland representing the Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Nagaland.
4. Shri Theophilus Singson, Secretariat Assistant, Home Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

The applicant (now appellant), Smti. Zeneisüle Ate Loucü, C/o Avino Pusa, Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 09971020809 **did not appear** for the hearing.

FACTS OF THE CASE

The applicant had, from a previous address, H/No. 152/9, Kishangarh, 3rd Floor, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 70 submitted a RTI application dated 05.04.2013 alongwith the

prescribed fee of Rs. 10/- vide IPO No. 08F 761280 dated **05.04.2013**, addressed to Deputy Secretary & CPIO, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001 requesting to furnish **a copy of authorisation letter signed by the Treasurer, NPF Central Office found with Shri. H. Nyemli Phom which has authorized “Rs. One Crore to Longleng for NPF Party expenses”.**

On receipt of the above RTI application dated **05.04.2013**, Srinibas Pradhan, Deputy Secretary (E) & CPIO, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi had acknowledged the application fee of Rs. 10/- vide Receipt No. 24283 dated 05.04.2013, and had also, vide O.M No. A-43020/01/2013-RTI dated 06.04.2013 (but issued on 11.04.2013), transferred the above RTI application dated 05.04.2013 to the Office of the Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Kohima, since the requested information pertained to or was more closely related to the functions of the Nagaland State Government. A copy of the above O.M was also endorsed to the applicant.

On receipt of the above RTI application dated 05.04.2013 on 29.04.2013 transferred by the CPIO, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, the Office of the Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Kohima had redirected it to the Special Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima. The Special Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima had further transferred it to the Secretary & PIO, Home Department, Political Branch, Nagaland, Kohima on 03.05.2013.

Shri. Wepretso Mero, Secretary & PIO, Home Department, Political Branch, Nagaland, Kohima had vide letter No. CON-1/G/RTI/07(Pt) dated 14.05.2013 forwarded the application and other related papers to the Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Nagaland, and with a copy to the applicant by post at the given address in Delhi.

On receipt of the RTI application forwarded by the Secretary & PIO, Home Department, Political Branch, Nagaland, Kohima on 24.05.2013, the Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Nagaland had, accordingly vide letter No. DEF/LLG/CB-1/2013-14/1059 dated 27.05.2013 submitted a copy of the FIR in connection with Longleng PS Case No. 006/2013 U/S 171(B)(E)(H) IPC R/W 77(3) of R.P Act, 1951 registered against the NPF Candidate of 49 Tamlu A/C, Shri. H. Nyemli Phom, and also through W/T Message No. DEF/LLG/CB-01/2013-14/1843 dated 04.10.2013 informed the Special Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima that the information in question had already been furnished to the Secretary & PIO, Home Department, Political Branch, Nagaland.

On not getting any response within the stipulated time, the applicant (now the appellant) had filed First Appeal dated 14.05.2013 to Bhagwan Shankar, Joint Secretary (Admn) & First Appellate Authority, Room No. 194, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi. And on receipt of the First Appeal dated 14.05.2013 on 22.05.2013, the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi- 110001 had, vide letter No. A-43020/01/2013-RTI dated 03.06.2013 transferred the same to the Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland.

On receipt of the First Appeal dated 14.05.2013 on 17.06.2013 transferred from the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, the OSD to Chief Secretary & PIO, Nagaland had, vide letter No. CSO/10/RTI/2013 dated 18.06.2013 transferred it to the Special Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland, since the subject matter is dealt with by the Home Department and with a request that the appeal be taken up by the First Appellate Authority, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima.

Meanwhile, on 19.09.2013, the Commission received a Second Appeal dated 16.09.2013 from the appellant on grounds of not having received the information sought.

In compliance to the direction of this Commission vide letter No. NIC/RTI-3/2012-13 dated 25.11.2013 to ascertain whether the information so furnished has been received by the applicant (now appellant), Shri. L. Singsit, IPS, Special Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima had, vide letter No. CON-1/G/RTI/07(Pt) dated 29.11.2013 confirmed the receipt of the information on behalf of the applicant(now appellant) by Smti. Avino Pusa, Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Nagaland, Kohima on 18.11.2013, and as evidenced in the photocopy of the Peon Book. However, the actual appellant has not acknowledged receipt formally.

In order to give a finality to the appeal case after giving due opportunity to appellant and the PIOs & FAA, the Commission fixed 29.01.2014 as the date of hearing.

DECISION

Smti. Zeneisüle Ate Loucü, the appellant did not appear for the hearing but sent an e-mail on 28.01.2014 to the Nagaland Information Commission in which she mentioned the following:-

1. **(Quote) “That I have received the information vide letter No.CON-1/G/RTI/07(Pt) dated Kohima 12th November 2013 from Shri Wepretso Mero, Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland and Public Information Officer, Home Department.**
2. **I am benefited from RTI Act, 2005 my prayer**
3. **Therefore I request you to close this matter” (Unquote)**

Copy of this e-mail was also endorsed to Shri Wepretso Mero, Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland and PIO, Home Department.

In view of the fact that the appellant has, vide her e-mail under reference confirmed receipt of the information sought by her, which were spelt out in all the four appeals she had filed before the Nagaland Information Commission, from the Secretary & PIO, Home Department on 12.11.2013 and has requested the Commission to close the matter, the Commission is of the view that the matter need not be persuaded further. Hence, in view of the **apparent satisfaction of the appellant regarding information furnished to her and her request to close the matter as borne out in the e-mail sent to the Nagaland Information Commission on 28.01.2014**, the Commission hereby declares the appeal case closed with **immediate effect**.

Decision pronounced in presence of all concerned.

Copies be given to the parties:-

1. Shri. L. Singsit, IPS, Special Secretary, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Shri. Wepretso Mero, Secretary & PIO, Home Department, Political Branch, Nagaland, Kohima.

3. Shri K. Walling, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Longleng, Nagaland.
4. The applicant (now appellant), Smti. Zeneisüle Ate Loucü, C/o Avino Pusa, Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 09971020809.
5. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website and Notice Board.

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