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No. NIC/APPEAL-1/2021-22

Dated Kohima, the 27th July, 2021

Subject: Notice for Hearing on 11th August, 2021 (Wednesday) at 12:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Commission had received a Second Appeal addressed to the State CIC, Nagaland, Kohima dated **13.11.2020** from Shri. Mark (Advocate) & Party, New Secretariat, Kohima, Nagaland, Ph. No. 8787453710 for non-response of the Public authority to their RTI application dated **14.08.2020 received by the Department on the same date.**

AND WHEREAS, the applicant (now appellant), Shri. Mark (Advocate) & Party, had initially submitted an RTI application dated *14.08.2020* addressed to the PIO/APIO, Directorate of Rural Development Department, Kohima, Nagaland, seeking the following information:

- *i) Kindly furnish the year wise sanction order received from the GOI starting from* 2008 to 2020 (Prepared list).
- *ii) Kindly furnish the total amount been deducted under 40% as VIP share i.e. year wise 2008 to 2020 (Prepared list).*
- *iii)* Furnish the details list of names of receipts under Mob-Deduction (Prepared list).
- *iv)* Is the above Mob-Deduction being carried out under the purview of the guidelines? (MGNREGAS).
- *v)* Furnish the detail Mob-Deduction log book maintained by the BDO's (Xerox copy).
- vi) Mob-Deduction for 40% is in question?

Meanwhile out of 327 crore released by the GOI where Rs. 191 has been already released by the State Govt. to the Department Account against (MGNREGAS) on 31st May, 2020.

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- *a)* Furnish the District / Block wise break up allocation of fund for 191 crore. State the nature of work order for which the works were implemented.
- *b)* Furnish the detail completion certificate duly countersigned by the VDB Secretaries and BDO's of the Block concern.
- c) Total No. of days allotted of 11 Districts for Rs. 191 crore for 2020 (Prepared list).
- *d)* BDO's receipt registered maintained Log Book for Mob-Deduction (Xerox copy).
- e) Furnish a copy of the FTO order issued against Rs. 191 Crores for 11 Districts. Moreover, it is learnt from a reliable sources that deduction of 50% has been

carried out for the year 2020 Financial Year. This new system of introduction for deduction of 50% from wages is totally advertent to the guidelines (MGNREGAS) provided by the Central Ministry.

Therefore, your esteemed authority is requested to substantiate this matter with proper justification by your Department. Mob-deduction of 50% is in question?

AND WHEREAS, there was no response from the Public Authority even after a lapse of **60** (sixty) days till the date of submission of the Second Appeal dated 13.11.2020 to this Commission, the Commission had vide letter of No.NIC/Gen/RTI-19/17 dated 14.12.2020 directed the Director & FAA, Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima to hear the First Appeal within 45 (forty five) days from the date of receipt of the Directive since the First Appeal was not heard.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the Directive of the Commission dated 14.12.2020, the First Appeal hearing was conducted on 04th February (Thursday), 2021 at 12.20 P.M. at the Directorate of Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima.

Accordingly, the Director & FAA, after hearing the parties i.e., the applicant (now appellant) and the PIO/APIO concerned and passed decision vide Order **NO. DRD/RTI-AA-9/2019-19** *dated 04.02.2021* stating that, inability to furnish the information on time was due to compilation from all the Districts and the pandemic in place limiting the Staffs and Officers from physical interaction, Hence, the delay was not intentional. The Director & FAA directed the respondent to furnish the information to the applicant within 7 *(seven) days* period i.e, on or before 11th February, 2021.

AND WHEREAS, since the Commission is not satisfied and convinced with the above decision/order of the FAA, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on <u>11th August, 2021 (Wednesday) at</u> <u>12:00 P.M in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Agri-farm Colony, Lane-6, H/No. AFC/578, Nagaland, Kohima</u>.

NOW THEREFORE, the following parties are directed to appear before this Commission and <u>also to bring the files and relevant documents</u> in question for scrutiny on the above date and time for hearing. The following under mentioned officials are requested to attend the hearing with preventive measures such as wearing of face mask and social distancing etc. *Only 2 (two) persons from each party will be allowed with strict protocol.*

- 1. Smti. Liboni Humtsoe, Director & First Appellate Authority, Directorate of Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 2. Smti. Azenuo Pienyii, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 3. Shri. Neibou Sekhose, Joint Director & APIO, Directorate of Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 4. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Mark (Advocate) & Party, New Secretariat, Kohima, Nagaland, Ph. No. 8787453710.

Sd/-

KEVIZATUO MIACHIEO State Information Commissioner **Dated Kohima, the 27th July, 2021**

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- 1. The PA to the State Information Commissioner (K), Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the SIC (K).
- 2. The PA to the State Information Commissioner (R), Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the SIC (R).
- 3. Smti. Liboni Humtsoe, Director & First Appellate Authority, Directorate of Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 4. Smti. Azenuo Pienyii, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 5. Shri. K. Neibou Sekhose, Joint Director & APIO, Directorate of Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 6. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Shri. Mark (Advocate) & Party, New Secretariat, Kohima, Nagaland 797001, Ph. No. *8787453710*.
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