# NAGALAND INFORMATION COMMISSION AGRI-FARM COLONY, LANE-6, H/NO. AFC-578 NAGALAND, KOHIMA-797001



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No. NIC/APPEAL-3/2022-23

Dated Kohima, the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

| Appellants  | : i) Shri. Keduo Wetsah<br>ii) Shri. Supong Jamir  |
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| Respondents                                       | : (i) Smti. Tosheli Zhimomi,<br>Director & First Appellate Authority,<br>Directorate of Social Welfare,<br>Nagaland, Kohima.                               |
|   | <ul><li>(ii) Smti. Nokcharenla Longchar,</li><li>Additional Director &amp; PIO,</li><li>Directorate of Social Welfare,</li><li>Nagaland, Kohima.</li></ul> |
| Public Authority                                  | : Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima.   |
| Date of first hearing<br>Date of first Decision   | : 11.05.2022 at 2:00 PM.<br>: 24.05.2022.  |
| Date of second hearing<br>Date of second Decision | : 21.06.2022 at 12:00 PM.<br>: 27.06.2022.   |
| Date of third hearing<br>Date of third Decision   | : 01.08.2022 at 11:30 AM.<br>: 16.08.2022.   |

Present:

- 1. Smti. Tosheli Zhimomi, Director & FAA, Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima, NPCC, Mobile No. 9436019018.
- 2. Smti. Nokcharenla Longchar, Additional Director & PIO, Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 8257908500.
- 3. Shri. Soren Kikon, Asstt. Director& JPC, Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 4. Smti. Arila Sangtam, Legal Consultant, representing the Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 8787524971.
- The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Keduo Wetsah, Co-Chairman, NPCC, Mobile No. 9436001640/ 8258004137 &

Shri. Supong Jamir, NPCC, Mobile No. 9856468005 did not appear for the hearing.

# FACT OF THE CASE

The Commission had heard the Second Appeal dated 15.12.2021 on 21/06/2022 at 12:00 P.M. in the Hearing Room of the Commission submitted by Shri. Keduo Wetsah, Co-Chairman, Public Grievances Department, NPCC & Shri. Supong Jamir, Chairman, Public Grievances Department, NPCC, *M/No.* 9436001640 / 8258004137, and after the hearing, the Commission had passed decision of even No. dated 27.06.2022.

In compliance to the **Decision No. 1** of the Commission dated 27.06.2022 the public authority had, vide letter No. SW/RTI/NIC/2022/480 dated 16/07/2022 furnished the complete information with explanation/ clarification to the applicants (now appellants).

In compliance to the **Decision No. 2** of the Commission dated 27.06.2022 the applicants (now appellants) had, vide letter No. NPCC/PGD-1-47-2022-2023 dated 27/07/2022 submitted a

satisfaction letter to the Commission for all their RTI queries at Sl. No 1, 2, 4 except for query at Sl. No. 3 which pertains to on-going construction of One Stop Center at Zunheboto and wants the assurance of the public authority to furnish once it is completed.

Since the Commission observed that the complete information has not been furnished, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal giving them opportunity of being heard on <u>1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:30 A.M in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Agri-farm Colony, Lane-6, H/No. AFC/578, Nagaland, Kohima and directed the parties 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, with preventive measures such as wearing of face mask and social distancing etc.</u>

- 1. Smti. Tosheli Zhimomi, Director & FAA, Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 2. Smti. Nokcharenla Longchar, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 3. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Keduo Wetsah, Co-Chairman, Public Grievances Department, NPCC & Shri. Supong Jamir, Chairman, Public Grievances Department, NPCC, *M*/*No.* 9436001640 / 8258004137.

### **OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:**

One of the applicants (now appellants), Shri. Keduo Wetsah informed that Shri. Supong Jamir, Chairman, Public Grievances Department, NPCC could not appear for the hearing as he was out of station.

Referring to the last decision of the Commission dated 27.06.2022, Shri. Keduo Wetsah submitted that he had received the information on 18.07.2022 which was furnished by the public authority, vide letter No. SW/RTI/NIC/2022/480 dated 16/07/2022. Further, he submitted that he was <u>satisfied</u> with the replies given for the following queries:-

- a. Query No. 1: the explanation/clarification regarding the difference in the amounts given in reply to the RTI query and the reply to the Starred Question No. 6 of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 16.02.2021.
- b. Query No. 5: MB Nos. for Phek, Mon, Longleng, Mokokchung, Peren, Kiphire, and Tuensang.
- c. Query No. 9: Last Audit Statements for Kohima, Dimapur, Phek, Mon, Longleng, Peren, Wokha, Zunheboto and Mokokchung.

However, he was **not satisfied** with the reply to Sl. No. 3 i.e Query No. 8 regarding the Completion Certificate of Sakhi – One Stop Centre for Zunheboto district including financial statement and photographs, since the building has not been completed.

During the hearing, Smti. Tosheli Zhimomi, Director & FAA, informed that the District Administration, Zunheboto had, vide letter No. No.DCZ/RTI/2021-22/12 dated 30/07/2022 forwarded a letter of the EAC's, Zunheboto letter No.DCZ/OSC (Zbto)/2022 dated 30/07/2022 informing that the building for One Stop Centre for Zunheboto district has been completed in the month of July, 2022 and inauguration is scheduled to be held in the month of August 2022. Copies of the above letters were produced before the Commission and handed over to the applicant (now appellant). On receipt of the above letters, the applicant (now appellant) stated that since the letter was addressed to the Assistant Director & PIO, Social Welfare and no copy was endorsed to him, he was not aware of the completion or inauguration of the building. He, therefore, requested the FAA to submit the information with a forwarding letter addressed to the NPCC (Public Grievances Department) including all supporting documents like Completion Certificate, Audit statement, photos etc.

Smti. Tosheli Zhimomi, Director & FAA, Social Welfare stated that the information regarding Zunheboto, Sakhi One Stop Center will be furnished to the applicants(now appellants) as requested, within August 2022 along with all the required information once it is inaugurated.

### **DECISION**

On the above submission and observations, the Commission decided that:-

- 1. As submitted by Smti. Tosheli Zhimomi, Director & FAA, Social Welfare, the information regarding Sl. No. 3 i.e Query No. 8 relating to the completion and inauguration of the Zunheboto, Sakhi One Stop Center will be furnished to the applicants(now appellants) including all supporting documents like Completion Certificate, Audit statement, photos etc. once it is inaugurated, <u>within 1 (one) month</u> from the date of receipt of this decision and with a copy to the Commission.
- On receipt of the above information, the applicants (now appellants) shall submit satisfaction or non-satisfaction to the PIO, with a copy to the Commission <u>within 15</u> (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of the information.

Decision pronounced in the presence of both parties on 01.08.2022 at 11:30 A.M.

Copies be given to:-

- 1. Smti. Tosheli Zhimomi, Director & FAA, Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 9436019018.
- 2. Smti. Nokcharenla Longchar, Additional Director & PIO, Directorate of Social Welfare, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 8257908500.
- 3. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the Commission's website.
- 4. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Keduo Wetsah, NPCC, Mobile No. 9436001640/ 8258004137 & Shri. Supong Jamir, NPCC, Mobile No. 9856468005.
- 5. Office Copy.

#### Sd/-I. MEYIONEN JAMIR Chief Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

(Worhonthung Ezung) Deputy Secretary