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No. NIC/Complaint-1/2022-23

Dated Kohima, the 5th August, 2022

Complainant : Shri. S.T. Yapang Lkr,
RTI Initiative Nagaland, H/No. LA-734, Block-C,
Lower Agri Colony, Kohima, Nagaland
M/No. 7630899734.

Respondents : (i) Smti. Liboni Humtsoe,
Director & First Appellate Authority,
Directorate of Rural Development,
Nagaland, Kohima-797001.

(ii) Smti. Azenuo Pienyu
Additional Director & PIO,
Directorate of Rural Development,
Nagaland, Kohima-797001.

(iii) Shri. Tsalito Sangtam,
Addl. Director & Programme Officer (PMAY-G),
Directorate of Rural Development,
Nagaland, Kohima

Public Authority : Directorate of Rural Development, Kohima: Nagaland.

Date of hearing : 29/07/2022 at 11:00 A.M

Date of Decision : 05/08/2022

FACT OF THE CASE

The Commission had received a Complaint dated **30.06.2021** on **03.06.2021** from Shri. S.T. Yapang Lkr, RTI Initiative Nagaland, H/No. LA-734, Block-C, Lower Agri Colony, Kohima, Nagaland against the non response of the Public authority to his RTI application dated **30.03.2021**.

The applicant had submitted an RTI application dated **30.03.2021** along with application fee of Rs. 10/- only through Speed Post bearing No. EE407156771IN dated **30.03.2021** seeking the following information:

- i. *What is the actual cost of 1 unit of CGI sheets for PMAY-G scheme till now? Please mention the thickness of the sheets in mm.*
- ii. *a) Will the department distribute the upcoming PMAY-G facilities? Or is it assigned to some other contractor/ supplier?
b) If it is assigned to some other contractor/ supplier, was there any tender published in the Newspaper? If yes, please mention the name of the Newspaper(s) with date and page number.
c) How much should it cost a department/ contractor/ supplier for a unit of the CGI sheets? What should be the standard size of the sheets?
d) How many bundles should 1 unit of CGI sheets consist of?*
- iii. *How much money and what type of housing materials should a beneficiary get from PMAY-G scheme for building a house?*

The above RTI application was received by the department on **12.03.2021** as evidenced from the Tracking ID of the Post Office.

The PIO had failed to furnish the requisite information within the stipulated time frame, the applicant had filed a Complaint dated **30.06.2021** to the Commission which was received by the Commission on **30.06.2021**.

On receipt of the Complaint, the Commission had, vide letter **No.NIC/Gen/RTI-19/17 (Vol-II)/1351** dated **14.07.2021** advised the applicant to file first appeal to the Director & FAA, Rural Development, Nagaland.

Since the Commission had not received any compliance from the FAA, it has decided to hear the above mentioned Complaint giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **28th July, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00AM in the Hearing Room of the Nagaland Information Commission, Agri-Farm Colony, Lane-6, H/No. AFC/578, Nagaland, Kohima** and had directed the parties to appear before this Commission and **also to bring the files and relevant documents** in question for scrutiny on the above date and time for hearing.

1. Smti. Liboni Humtsoe, Director & First Appellate Authority, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Smti. Azenuo Pienyu, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. Shri. Tsalito Sangtam, Addl. Director & Programme Officer (PMAY-G), Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
4. The applicant (now Complainant), Shri. S.T. Yapang, RTI Initiative Nagaland, H/No. LA-734, Block-C, Lower Agri Colony, Kohima, Nagaland.

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:

The applicant (now complainant) stated that as per the directive of the Commission he had written the first appeal letter addressed to the Director & FAA and went to the office on 22/07/2021 to deliver his first appeal letter. However, on reaching the office, he was furnished with all the information as per his RTI application and since he was satisfied with the reply he did not submit his first appeal.

Smti. Azenuo Pienyu, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, also stated that the RTI application was received by registered Post on 30/03/2021 by the public authority. On receipt of the RTI application, she had, vide letter No.DRD/ME/RTI-25/2020-21 dated 15/04/2021 written to the PIO, PMAY-G to submit the RTI replies to her on or before 05/04/2021 so as to furnish to the applicant within the stipulated time.

Shri. Tsalito Sangtam, Addl. Director/Programme Officer (PMAY-G) had, vide letter No.DRD/PMAY-G/RTI/2019-20/163 dated 05/05/2021 submitted the information to her. And on receipt of the information from the Program Officer, Smti. Azenuo Pienyu, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima had, vide letter No.DRD/ME/RTI-25/2020-21 dated 07/05/2021 furnished the information to the applicant.

During the hearing the applicant stated that he had collected the information on 22/07/2021 and expressed his satisfaction with the information furnished to him, however, he remarked that the Department activities remain unsatisfactory.

The Commission observed that from the date of receipt of the RTI application dated 30/03/2021 on 12/04/2021 by speed post vide No.EE407156771IN dated 30/03/2021 to the date of furnishing of the information on 07/05/2021 by Smti. Azenuo Pienyu, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima which was received from Shri. Tsalito Sangtam, Addl. Director/Programme Officer (PMAY-G) there was no delay, hence no penalty was attracted.

DECISION

Since the applicant (now complainant) had expressed his satisfaction with the information furnished to him on 22/07/2021, the Commission had decided to declare the complaint case **closed**.

However, on the observations and remarks given by the applicant (now Complainant), the Commission advised the public authority to be proactive in handling RTI matters within the stipulated time frame and to streamline the implementation of the Schemes & Projects since the department is under the radar of the general public in implementing the schemes/projects etc.

Copies be given to:

1. Smti. Liboni Humtsoe, Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Smti. Azenuo Pienyu, Addl. Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. Shri. Tsalito Sangtam, former Addl. Director & Programme Officer (PMAY-G), Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
4. The applicant (now Complainant), Shri. S.T. Yapang, RTI Initiative Nagaland, LA-734, Block-C, Lower Agri Colony, Kohima, Nagaland
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Chief Information Commissioner

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