

## NAGALAND INFORMATION COMMISSION

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No. NIC/COMPLAINT-3/2022-23

Dated Kohima, the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

Subject: **Notice for Hearing on 07<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:30 P.M.**

WHEREAS, the Commission had received a complaint dated **22.03.2021** from **Shri. Khekiye K SemaIAS (Rtd)**, President, Senior Citizens' Association Nagaland (SCAN) HQ Kohima Nagaland, C/o. Seyie Gas Service, P.R. Hills, Kohima, Nagaland- 797001, Mb No-8787607787 and **Medoselhou Keretsu**, General Secretary, Senior Citizens' Association Nagaland (SCAN) HQ Kohima Nagaland, House No- B-46, D Khel, Kohima Village, Kohima Nagaland- 797001, Mb No-7640812581 against misleading and incomplete information furnished by the PIO to his RTI application dated **14/09/2020**.

AND WHEREAS, the applicants had submitted an RTI application dated **14/09/2020** along with an application fee of Rs. 10 to the PIO, Interlocutor & Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Nagaland, Kohima stating *that having learnt that a large number of RCC buildings meant for Forest Department Staff Quarters constructed by the State Government, within Intangki Reserved Forests, under Peren Districts of Nagaland some years ago have been served vacation notice. Consequent upon the vacation notice/ order by the government, all the staff of Forest Department occupying the said quarters at Intangki Reserved Forest have been displaced in compliance to the directives of the Government. Subsequently, it is also learnt that the State Government has allotted the whole residential establishment to a faction of Naga Political Group.*

*Therefore, if the above stated information is true, kindly furnish the certified true copies of the following information in hard copies.*

- i. *Is Intangki Forest a reserved forest? If so what are the laid down rules and regulation governing the Reserve Forest are vis-à-vis its Interpretation with Article 371A of the Indian Constitution?*
- ii. *Provide detail information about the total area of the Intangki reserved forest.*
- iii. *Provide detail information on the traditional land owners of the Intangki reserved forest.*
- iv. *Provide detail information on how the Intangki reserved forest was acquired by the State Government*
- v. *Provide information on the list of traditional land owners from whom the said land was acquired.*
- vi. *Provide information on the list of the land owners who have been awarded land compensation, mentioning the land compensation amount given to the land owners.*
- vii. *Provide information as to why the Forest Department's staff on duty for the protection of Intangki Reserved Forest have been issued vacation notice from their quarters built specifically for the Department of Forest.*
- viii. *Provide photo copies of the official vacation notice served to the Forest Department by the State Government directing them to vacate the premises of the quarters allotted to the staffs of Forest Department stationed at Intangki Reserved Forest.*
- ix. *Provide photocopy of the orders, directive, resolution of the State Government reallocating the Staffs quarters constructed for the employees of the Forest Department/ Forest Guards to the new occupants, faction of Naga Political Groups.*
- x. *Provide information if any environmental clearance has been given to the present aforesaid occupants of the Intangki Reserved Forest for clearing the jungle, deforestation by the Government.*
- xi. *Provide detail address of the First Appellate Authority of your esteemed Department.*

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the RTI application on the same date i.e **14/09/2020** as evidence on the body of the application, Shri. George Abraham, Jt. Secy & APIO, Governor's Secretariat had, vide letter **No.G-17/01-04/00/Admin(RTI Case) Vol.I** dated **15/09/2020** transferred the RTI application alongwith the application fee of Rs. 10/- under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima, and with a copy to the applicants.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the transfer of RTI application, Smti. Tsusola T Yimchunger, APIO, Chief Secretary Office had, vide letter **No.CSO/RTI-5/2017(Pt.1)** dated **18/09/2020** again transferred the RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, EF&CC Department, Nagaland, Kohima, and with a copy to the applicants.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above RTI application, Shri. Supongnukshi, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest (EBR) & PIO, O/o the PCCF & HoFF had, vide letter **No.FE-1/4/RTI-4/2020-2021** dated **24/09/2020** again transferred the RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Chief Wild Life Warden, Dimapur, Nagaland with a copy to the applicants.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the RTI application, Shri. T. Aochuba, IFS, Director, Intangki National Park, Dimapur, Nagaland had, vide letter **No.FD/INP/GEN/9/168** dated **12/10/2020** furnished the replies to the applicants which was received by the applicants on **22/10/2020**.

AND WHEREAS, on not being satisfied with the information furnished by the PIO to their RTI application the applicants had submitted a complaint dated **22/03/2021** to the Nagaland Information Commission.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the Complaint dated **22/03/2021**, the Commission had, vide letter **No.NIC/Gen/RTI-19/17(Vol-II)/1309** dated **08/04/2021** advised the applicants (now complainants) to submit first appeal to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Nagaland, Kohima.

AND WHEREAS, since there was neither any response from the applicants (now complainants) nor from the public authority, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned complaint giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **07<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:30 P.M in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Agri-farm Colony, Lane-6, H/No. AFC/578, Nagaland, Kohima.**

NOW THEREFORE, it is notified that the following parties are directed 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. The following under mentioned officials are also requested to attend the hearing with preventive measures such as wearing of face mask and social distancing etc.

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Shri. T. Aochuba, IFS, Director, Intangki National Park, Dimapur, Nagaland.
3. The applicants (now complainants), Shri. Khekiye K SemaIAS (Rtd), President, Senior Citizens' Association Nagaland (SCAN) HQ Kohima Nagaland, C/o. Seyie Gas Service, P.R. Hills, Kohima, Nagaland- 797001, Mb No-8787607787 and Medoselhou Keretsu, General Secretary, Senior Citizens' Association Nagaland (SCAN) HQ Kohima Nagaland, House No- B-46, D Khel, Kohima Village, Kohima Nagaland- 797001, Mb No-7640812581.

Sd/-

**I.MEYIONEN JAMIR**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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Copy to:

1. The PS to the Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the CIC.
2. The PCCF & HoFF, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. Shri. T. Aochuba, IFS, Director, Intangki National Park, Dimapur, Nagaland.
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5. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website and Notice Board.
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