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



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No. NIC/ COMPLAINT-8/2022-23

Dated Kohima, the 14th October, 2022

Subject: Notice for Hearing on 26th October, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon.

WHEREAS, the Commission had, on 13/10/2022 received a Complaint dated 28/09/2022 from Shri. Nokban Konyak and Shri. Tahlem Konyak, C/o. Libeni, Lawyer, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Old Ministers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, Mb- 7005134951, against the BDO, MGNERGA, RD Block, Chen for demanding exorbitant amount of fees towards cost of information even after the time limit in response to their RTI application dated 15/07/2022.

AND WHEREAS, the applicants had jointly submitted an RTI application dated **15/07/2022** addressed to the PIO, MGNREGA, BDO, RD Block, Chen, Nagaland, Kohima alongwith RTI application fee of Rs. 10 seeking *true and certified information of the following*:-

- 1. Total amount of Grant-in-Aid released to VDB Chenmoho Village annually from 2001-2021, in a very detail.
- 2. Total amount of the Job Card in detail released for the VDB Chenmoho Village annually from 2001-2021.
- 3. Address and contact details of first appellate authority.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the RTI application, Ya-ei Konyak. S, BDO-Cum Programme Officer, RD Block, Chen had, vide letter **No.RD/CHEN/MGNREGA-2/2022023** dated **17/08/2022** requested the applicants to deposit cost of information amounting to Rs. 82,650/- (Rupees Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Only) as per the detailed break-up shown below:-

- 1. Reply to query No.1: Proposal copy $18 \times 5 = Rs. 90/-$
- 2. Reply to query No.2: Muster Roll copy 8256 X 10 = Rs. 82,560/-

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the cost of information, the applicants had submitted a complaint dated 28/09/2022 to the Commission stating that the PIO had demanded exorbitant amount of fee towards the cost of information even after the lapse of stipulated time limit in gross violation of the RTI, Act, 2005 and the rules framed there under.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned complaint by giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on <u>26th October, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00</u> <u>Noon in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Agri-farm Colony, Lane-6, H/No. AFC/578, Nagaland, Kohima</u>.

NOW THEREFORE, it is notified that 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 with preventive measures such as wearing of face mask and social distancing etc.

- 1. Ya-ei Konyak. S, BDO-Cum Programme Officer, MGNERGA, RD Block, Chen, Mon-798621.
- 2. The applicants (now complainants) Shri. Nokban Konyak and Shri. Tahlem Konyak, C/o. Libeni, Lawyer, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Old Ministers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, Mb- 7005134951.

Sd/-I.MEYIONEN JAMIR Chief Information Commissioner

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- 1. The PS to the Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the CIC.
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- 3. The applicants (now complainants) Shri. Nokban Konyak and Shri. Tahlem Konyak, C/o. Libeni, Lawyer, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Old Ministers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, Mb- 7005134951.
- 4. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website and Notice Board.
- 5. Office Copy.

(WORHONTHUNG EZUNG) Deputy Secretary Nagaland Information Commission