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No. NIC/COMPLAINT-8/2022-23

Dated Kohima, the 22nd September, 2023

Subject: Closing Order of Appeal Case.

WHEREAS, under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commission had on 26.10.2022 at 12.00 Noon and 17.03.2023 at 12.30 PM heard the Complaint dated 28.09.2022 submitted by Shri. Nokbam Konyak and Shri. Tahlem Konyak, C/o Libeni, Lawyer, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Old Ministers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, M/No. 7005134951 against the BDO, MGNREGA, RD Block, Chen for demanding exorbitant amount of fees towards the cost of information even after the lapse of the time limit in response to their RTI application dated 15.07.2022.

- 2. AND WHEREAS, after the hearings held on 26.10.2022 at 12.00 Noon and 17.03.2023 at 12.30 PM, the Commission had passed decisions of even No. dated 03.11.2022 and 29.03.2023 respectively.
- 3. AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the <u>Point No. 1</u> of the decision of the Commission dated 29.03.2023, Shri. Ya-ei Konyak S, BDO-Cum Programme Officer, MGNREGA, RD Block, Chen, Mon had vide letter No. RD/RTI-1/2022-23 dated 31.03.2023 issued notice to the applicants (now complainants) for inspection of records on 11.04.2023 at the Block Office.
- 4. AND WHEREAS, the applicants (now complainants) had, vide letter dated 19.05.2023 (received on 22.05.2023) submitted to the Commission that as per the notice for inspection, they went to the Office on 11.04.2022 for the inspection and they were given the information containing 95 (ninety five) pages stating that those were the total information that the Office has. After having inspected and received the information, the applicants (now complainants) had, in compliance to the Point No. 2 of the decision of the Commission dated 29.03.2023, expressed their satisfaction with the information so received.
- 5. AND WHEREAS, though the applicants (now complainants) had in their letter dated 19.05.2023 requested the Commission to impose penalty on the BDO asking exorbitant amount for the information, since the Commission had, in its 1st decision dated 03.11.2022 already condoned the delay, no further direction is required.
- 6. AND WHEREAS, though the BDO had allowed the inspection of records and that the applicants (now complainants) had already expressed their satisfaction, since the Commission has not received the report of the inspection from the BDO, the Commission had vide letter of even No. dated 27.06.2023 directed Shri. Ya-ei Konyak S, BDO-Cum Programme Officer, MGNREGA, RD Block, Chen, Mon to submit the compliance to the <u>Point No. 1</u> of the Commission's decision i.e. the inspection report <u>within 15 (fifteen) days</u> from the date of receipt of the directive.
- 7. AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the above directive of even No. dated 27.06.2023, Shri. Ya-ei Konyak S, BDO-Cum Programme Officer, MGNREGA, RD Block, Chen, Mon had, vide letter No. RD/CHN/RTI-1/2023-24 dated 21.07.2023 submitted the inspection report along with the attendance sheet in original.

- 8. AND WHEREAS, since all the compliances to the Commission's decision of even No. dated 29.03.2023 have been received, the Commission has decided to declare the Complaint case as closed.
- 9. NOW THEREFORE, it is notified to all the parties that this Complaint case is hereby declared as **closed**.
 - 1. Shri. Ya-ei Konyak S, BDO-Cum Programme Officer, MGNREGA, RD Block, Chen, Mon, Nagaland. *M/No.* 9366913242.
 - 2. The applicants (now complainants), Shri. Nokbam Konyak and Shri. Tahlem Konyak, C/o Libeni, Lawyer, Gauhati high Court, Kohima Bench, Old Ministers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, *M/No.* 7005134951.

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I. MEYIONEN JAMIR

Chief Information Commissioner

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- 1. PS to the CIC for kind information of the Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland.
- 2. PA to the SIC (N) for kind information of the State Information Commissioner, Nagaland.
- 3. PA to the SIC (K) for kind information of the State Information Commissioner, Nagaland.
- 4. Shri. Ya-ei Konyak S, BDO-Cum Programme Officer, MGNREGA, RD Block, Chen, Mon-798621, Nagaland. *M/No. 9366913242*.
- 5. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website.
 - 6. The applicants (now complainants), Shri. Nokbam Konyak and Shri. Tahlem Konyak, C/o Libeni, Lawyer, Gauhati high Court, Kohima Bench, Old Ministers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, *M/No.* 7005134951.

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