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No. NIC/APPEAL-14/2022-23

Dated Kohima, the 17th October, 2023

Subject: Closing Order of Appeal Case.

WHEREAS, the Commission had on 01.08.2022 at 12.30 P.M. heard the Second Appeal dated 17.12.2020 (received on the same day) submitted by Shri. Mudonyi Shijoh, Dzulha Village, M/No. 8787379773, Shri. Thuyesacho Swuro, T. Tsese Village, M/No. 8837029595 and Shri. Muzilhu V. Keyho, Suthozu Nasa, M/No. 9436680697 against unsatisfactory action of the Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima to their First Appeal dated 28.08.2020 which was submitted against non-furnishing of information by the BDO & APIO, RD Block, Sekruzu, Phek, Nagaland to their RTI application dated 10.08.2020.

- 2. AND WHEREAS, after the hearing held on 01.08.2022 at 12.30 P.M., the Commission had passed decision vide of even No. dated 17.08.2022.
- 3. AND WHEREAS, in compliance to *Point No. 1* of the above mentioned decision, Shri. Chitsoru Vasa, present APIO & BDO & Programme Officer, RD Block, Sekruzu, Phek had, vide letter *No. RDB/SKZ/ESTT-3* dated *05.08.2022* submitted to this Commission a copy of the Order *No.CZBA/DEV-4/MED/14-15(VOL-I)/453* dated *19.08.2020* issued by the Office of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chozuba, Nagaland for sealing of the Office of the BDO, RD Block, Sekruzu for *14 (fourteen) days* during August, 2020 to prevent the spread of *COVID-19*.
- 4. AND WHEREAS, in compliance to *Point No. 2* of the above mentioned decision, the Home Department, General Administration Branch-I, Nagaland, Kohima had issued the Notification *No. GAB-I/RTI/337/2014/601* dated *27.09.2023* notifying that the Village Councils in Nagaland are constituted/established under the *Nagaland Village Councils Act, 1978*, therefore under the *Section 2 (h) (c) of the RTI Act, 2005*, the Village Councils and its subsidiary Village Development Boards (VDBs) are public authorities and hence come under the purview of the RTI Act.
- 5. AND WHEREAS, in compliance to *Point No. 3* of the above mentioned decision and on the direction of the Rural Development Department vide *No.RD/RTI-83/2017* dated *29.08.2022*, Smti. Liboni Humtsoe, Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, had, vide letter *No. DRD/RTI-A-11/2021-2022* dated *31.08.2022*, Development, had, vide letter *No. DRD/RTI-A-11/2021-2022* dated *31.08.2022*, directed the Project Directors of all the Districts to enlighten/notify all the Village Councils and Village Development Boards (VDBs) on the MGNREGA Guidelines in regard to disclosure of information and to follow strictly the MGNREGA Guidelines.
- 6. AND WHEREAS, since all the compliances to the decision of the Commission of even No. dated 17.08.2022 have been received, the Commission has now decided to close the Appeal case.

- 7. NOW THEREFORE, it is notified to all the parties that this Appeal case is hereby declared as <u>closed</u>.
- 1. The Home Commissioner, Nagaland, Kohima 797001.
- 2. The Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima 797001.
- 3. Smti. Azenuo Pienyu, Director & FAA (former Addl. Director & PIO), Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima-797001.
- 4. Shri. Razukhru D. Vasa, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Phek, Nagaland, M/No. 9436000633.
- 5. Shri. Japra Swuro, (former) BDO & APIO (now retired), RD Block, Sekruzu, Phek, Nagaland, M/No. 9402204563.
- 6. Shri. Chitsoru Vasa, BDO & APIO (present), RD Block, Sekruzu, Phek, Nagaland, M/No. 986237512.
- 7. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Mudonyi Shijoh, Dzulha Village, M/No. 8787379773, Shri. Thuyesacho Swuro, T. Tsese Village, M/No. 8837029595 and Shri. Muzilhu V. Keyho, Suthozu Nasa, M/No. 9436680697.

Sd/I. MEYIONEN JAMIR Chief Information Commissioner Dated Kohima, the 17th October, 2023

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- 10 The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website.
- 11. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Mudonyi Shijoh, Dzulha Village, M/No. 8787379773, Shri. Thuyesacho Swuro, T. Tsese Village, M/No. 8837029595 and Shri. Muzilhu V. Keyho, Suthozu Nasa, M/No. 9436680697.

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