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No. NIC/ APPEAL-12/2023-24

Dated Kohima, the 13th November, 2023

Subject: Notice for Hearing on 22nd November, 2023 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A.M.

WHEREAS, the Commission had, received Second Appeal dated 28/08/2023 from Shri. Ramdihei, Keletzai Colony, Peren Town, Mobile No- 9366054219, Nagaland- 797101, against the non-response of the FAA, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur to his first appeal dated 21/07/2023 which was submitted against the non-response of the PIO, Food & Civil Supplies, Dimapur, Nagaland to his RTI application dated 19/06/2023.

AND WHEREAS, the applicant had submitted an RTI application dated 19/06/2023 addressed to the PIO, Food & Civil Supplies, Dimapur, Nagaland along with RTI application fee of Rs. 10 seeking the following information:-

- 1) Kindly provide the name list of 2790 Ration Card Holder Beneficiaries under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) of Peren District from 2015 till date.
- 2) As per Ration Card 35Kg of Rice are provided to each beneficiaries kindly provide the information of "Payment Receipt" made to each of the beneficiaries under AAY from 2015 till date.
- 3) Kindly provide the name list of 9947 Ration Card Holder Beneficiaries under Priority Household (PHH) of Peren District from 2015 till date.
- 4) As per 5kg of Rice are provided to each beneficiaries kindly provide the information of "Payment Receipt" made to each of the beneficiaries under PHH from 2015 till date.
- 5) Kindly provide the information of how many Quintal/amount of rice are sanctioned under AAY and PHH schemes for the beneficiaries of Peren District from 2015 till date.
- 6) Kindly provide the information of "Payment Receipt" of how many amount of rice are sanctioned for Peren District under AAY and PHH from 2015 till date.
- 7) Kindly provide the pictorial evidence of amount of rice sanctioned monthly/yearly for each beneficiaries under AAY and PHH schemes from 2015 till date.

AND WHEREAS, the above RTI application was received by the Deputy Director, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur on the same date ie. 19/06/2023 as evidenced on the body of the said application. However, on non-receipt of any information from the PIO, Food and Civil Supplies, the applicant had submitted First Appeal dated 21/07/2023 to the FAA, Food and Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur.

AND WHEREAS, on non-response of the Director& FAA, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur to his first appeal dated 21/07/2023, the applicant (now appellant) had, preferred second appeal vide letter NIL dated 28/08/2023 to the Nagaland Information Commission.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the second appeal, since the first appeal was not heard the Commission had, vide letter of even No. dated 11/09/2023 directed the Director& FAA, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur to hear the first appeal and pass decision within 20 (twenty) days from the date of receipt of its directive and to submit a copy of the decision to this Commission.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the Commission directive, Shri. Chubawati Chang, NCS, Director & FAA, Food & Civil Supplies had, after hearing the first appeal on 05/10/2023 at 12:00 Noon, passed decision on 06/10/2023 wherein the information prepared by the ADS & PIO, Peren was to be furnished to the appellant through the Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies. He further stated that, the inadvertent delay was caused not due to deliberate negligence by the PIO, but in compilation of the required information.

AND WHEREAS, Shri. Chubawati Chang, NCS, Director & FAA, Food & Civil Supplies, Dimapur, Nagaland had, vide letter No.DSE/RTI-1/2022-23 dated 06/10/2023 furnished the information to the applicant (now appellant).

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the information, the applicant (now appellant) had, on 30/10/2023 submitted the list of queries and grounds for his non satisfaction to the Nagaland Information Commission as shown below:-

Query No.1:-

In the list of beneficiaries there are many beneficiaries holding more than 1 (one) Ration cards by the same and single person which is totally void.

Ouery No. 2:-

As per the Guideline all the beneficiaries were entitled to get 35 Kgs of Rice, however in reality the department distribute only 25 Kgs of rice to the beneficiaries till date. So the applicant sought this application with an interest to know why the beneficiaries didn't received the full amount sanctioned for them and where are the left 10 Kgs kept aside by the concern department/ officers which is meant for the beneficiaries? However, reply given by the PIO is irrelevant and meaningless.

Query No. 3:-

In the list of beneficiaries there are many beneficiaries holding more than 1 (one) Ration cards by the same person which is totally void.

Query No.4:-

As per the Guideline all the beneficiaries were entitled to get 5 Kgs of Rice, however in reality the department they distribute only 3-4 Kgs of Rice to the beneficiaries till date. So the applicant sought this application with an interest to know why the beneficiaries didn't received the full amount sanctioned for them and where are the left 10 Kgs kept aside by the concern department/officers which is meant for the beneficiaries?

Query No. 6:-

The concern officer/ department reply to this question is irrelevant. So the applicant sought this application with an interest to know about in the details.

AND WHEREAS, since the applicant (now appellant) is not satisfied with the information even after the first appeal hearing, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal by giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on 22nd November, 2023 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A.M in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, Below NBCC Convention Centre, Nagaland, Kohima.

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.

- 1. Shri. Chubawati Chang, NCS, Director & First Appellate Authority, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur 797112.
- 2. The Concerned PIO, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur- 797112.
- 3. The ADS & PIO, Food & Civil Supplies, Peren, Nagaland.
- 4. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Ramdihei, Keletzai Colony, Peren Town, Mobile No-9366054219, Nagaland-797101.

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Chief Information Commissioner

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- 3. The PA to the SIC (K), Nagaland Information Commission for kind information of the State Information Commissioner.
- 4. Shri. Chubawati Chang, NCS, Director & First Appellate Authority, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur- 797112.
- 5. The Concerned PIO, Food & Civil Supplies, Nagaland, Dimapur 797112.
- 6. The ADS & PIO, Food & Civil Supplies, Peren, Nagaland
- 7. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Ramdihei, Keletzai Colony, Peren Town, Mobile No-9366054219, Nagaland-797101.
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Deputy Secretary
Nagaland Information Commission