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No. NIC/APPEAL-19/2024-25 /6 //

Dated Kohima, the 28th April, 2025

Appellant

Shri. Hokheto K. Jimo, Khuwaboto Colony, Zunheboto Town, Zunheboto, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8787496417

Respondents

: (i) Smti. Mongna Konyak, Additional Director (HOD) & First Appellate Authority, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.

(ii) Smti. K. Anenla Jamir,
Joint Director & PIO,
Directorate of Rural Development,
Nagaland, Kohima.

(iii) Shri. T. Phoishe Sema,
Project Director,
DPC: MGNREGA,
DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland.

Public Authority

: DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland.

Date of hearing

: 16.04.2025 at 11:00 AM.

Date of Decision

: 28.04.2025

Present:

- 1. Smti. Mongna Konyak, Additional, Director (HOD) & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 9436015448.
- 2. Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 7005402500.
- 3. Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, Project Director, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9436008140.
- 4. Smti. Akhrienuo Zehol, Junior Programme Coordinator, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima-797001, Mobile No. 8414098171.

Did not appear for the hearing:

The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Hokheto K. Jimo, Khuwaboto Colony, Zunheboto Town, Zunheboto, Nagaland, Ph. No. 8787496417.

FACT OF THE CASE

An applicant, Shri. Hokheto K. Jimo, Khuwaboto Colony, Zunheboto Town, Zunheboto, had submitted a RTI application dated 12.08.2024 along with an application fee of Rs. 10/-addressed to the PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland seeking the following

information related to MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, DAY-NRLM Schemes under Zunheboto District: -

- 1. Kindly provide us the Schemes/ Project allotted under MGNREGA for Zunheboto district from 2017 till date.
- 2. Kindly provide us the job card-holders list for MGNREGA SCHEME of Zunheboto District.
- 3. Kindly provide us the amount sanctioned for MGNREGA scheme of Zunhebotot District from 2017 till date.
- 4. Kindly provide us the pictorial evidences of the completed work/ projects under MGNREGA form 2017 till date.
- 5. Kindly provide the contractor names and Project under MGNREGA Scheme from 2017 till date.
- 6. Kindly provide us the utilization certificate of MGNREGA from 2017 till date.
- 7. Kindly provide us the component materials provided under MGNREGA from 2017 till dated.
- 8. Kindly provide us the Beneficiaries list for MGNREGA scheme of Zunheboto District from 2017 till date.
- 9. Kindly provide us the details of fund allotted year wise under MGNREGA for Zunheboto District from 2017 till date.
- 10. Kindly provide the amount sanctioned for Zunheboto District under PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, and DAY-NRLM Schemes from 2017 till date.
- 11. Kindly provide us the name of the project/ works allotted under PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya and DAY-NRLM Schemes of Zunheboto District from 2017 till date.
- 12. Kindly provide us the pictorial evidences of the completed project/ works under PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya and DAY-NRLM Schemes of Zunheboto District from 2017 till date.
- 13. Kindly provide us one day wages under MGNREGA Scheme.

On receipt of the above RTI application dated 12.08.2024 on the same date, the application was transferred to the Project Director, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland on 13.08.2024.

On receipt of the above RTI application, Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, Project Director, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland had, vide letter No. DRDA/ZBTO/RTI/2024-25 dated 19.09.2024, furnished the information sought from 2017 till date to the applicant. However, on not being satisfied with the above reply of the PIO, the applicant had submitted a First Appeal dated 23.09.2024 addressed to the Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland stating that the information was incomplete though his queries do not fall within the restriction of Section 8 & 9 of the RTI Act, 2005.

On receipt of the First Appeal dated 23.09.2024, Shri. K. Inazhe Phuleshe, Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima had, after hearing the above First Appeal on 22.10.2024 at 01:30 PM, passed decision vide No. DRD/RTI-AA-12/2022-23 dated 22.10.2024 observed that since the applicant had stated that the information furnished was incomplete and excess of information cost was charged for identical pages, the PIO & Project Director, DRDA, Zunheboto was directed to refund the excess amount to the applicant (now appellant) for 469 pages and to furnish the complete information within 30 days from the date of issue of this Hearing Decision, i.e. on or before 21st Nov, 2024.

In compliance to the FAA's directive, Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, Project Director, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland had, vide letter No. DRDA/ZBTO/RTI/2023-24 dated November, 2024 resubmitted the information pertaining to query Nos. 04, 10, 11, and 12 of the RTI application dated 12.08.2024 under Zunheboto District to the applicant (now appellant). However, the applicant (now appellant) had submitted a Second Appeal dated NIL to the Commission stating that even after much deliberation with the concerned officers and FAA of the Department, the PIO still continue to furnish incomplete information and hence not satisfied.

On receipt of the Second Appeal dated NIL on 13.02.2024, the Commission had, vide directive dated 04.02.2025, directed the PIO, Rural Development, Zunheboto, Nagaland to furnish the complete information to the applicant (now appellant) and also to submit copy of the letter regarding transfer of the RTI application from the Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima to the PIO, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of its directive.

In compliance to the above directive of the Commission, Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland had, vide letter No. DRDA/ZBTO/RTI/2024-25 dated February, 2025, informed the Commission of the information furnished to the applicant (now appellant).

On receipt of the above reply of the PIO, the Commission had, vide directive dated 26.02.2025, directed the PIO to confirm satisfaction/ non-satisfaction of the applicant (now appellant) to the information so received from the PIO within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of its directive. However, the applicant (now appellant) had, vide letter dated 10.03.2025 submitted to the Commission stating that even after deliberations and directives of the Commission, the PIO had still failed to furnish the complete information pertaining to query Nos. 04, 11, & 12 of his RTI application and requested the Commission for necessary action.

Since the applicant (now appellant) is still not satisfied with the reply to query Nos. 04, 11, & 12 furnished by the public authority, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal by giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on 16th April, 2025 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, Below NBCC Convention Centre, New Capital Complex, Nagaland, Kohima and had also directed the following parties to appear before the Commission and to bring the files and relevant documents in question for scrutiny on the above date and time for hearing.

- 1. The Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 2. Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, Project Director, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland.
- 3. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Hokheto K. Jimo, Khuwaboto Colony, Zunheboto Town, Zunheboto, Nagaland, Ph. No. 8787496417.

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:

The applicant (now appellant) did not appear for the hearing and there was no reason or prior intimation to the Commission regarding his absence in the hearing. The Commission took a serious view regarding his absence since the hearing was scheduled giving an opportunity of being heard to the applicant (now the appellant) on his second appeal and his subsequent non-satisfaction letter.

The Commission observed that the RTI application dated 12.08.2024 was received by the Directorate on the same date and was transferred to the Project Director, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland on 13.08.2024, however, there is no record of transfer and receipt of the RTI application.

On receipt of the Second Appeal dated NIL on 13.12.2024 against the replies to <u>query Nos.</u> 4, 10, 11, 12 as incomplete, the Commission had, on 04.02.2025 directed the DPC, MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto to furnish the complete information to the applicant (now the appellant) within 15 (fifteen) days. Accordingly, the information was furnished which the applicant (now the appellant) had received on 03.03.2025, however, the applicant (now the appellant) had, vide letter dated 10.03.2025 submitted to the Commission that the replies to Query Nos. 4, 11, 12 were still found incomplete. Since the applicant (now the appellant) was not satisfied with the replies to Query Nos. 4, 11 and 12, suggesting that he was satisfied with the reply to <u>query No. 10</u>, the Commission had notified to hear regarding Query Nos. 4, 11 and 12 only.

The Commission also observed that Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, Project Director & PIO, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland was casual about RTI since there is neither date nor signature on his letter dated Nov. 2024 and no date on his letter dated Feb. 2025, and had therefore, cautioned the PIO to take RTI matters seriously.

During the hearing, Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, Project Director & PIO, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland informed that the applicant (now appellant) had been furnished with the information in at least four occasions viz. on 19.09.2024, 21.11.2024, February 2025 and 15.04.2025, and on receipt of the information the applicant (now appellant) had expressed his satisfaction.

The Commission had received a letter dated 28.04.2025 from the applicant (now appellant) stating that the information provided by the PIO was found complete and satisfied.

DECISION

Since sufficient information had been furnished and that the applicant (now appellant) had received the information and was satisfied, the Commission had declared the case as **closed**.

Decision pronounced in the presence of only the respondents on 16.04.2025 at 11:00 AM.

Copies be given to:

- 1. Smti. Mongna Konyak, Additional, Director (HOD) & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 9436015448.
- 2. Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 7005402500.
- 3. Shri. T. Phoishe Sema, Project Director, DPC: MGNREGA, DRDA, Zunheboto, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9436008140.
- 4. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website.
 - 5. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Hokheto K. Jimo, Khuwaboto Colony, Zunheboto Town, Zunheboto, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8787496417.
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