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**No. NIC/APPEAL-21/2024-25**

**Dated Kohima, the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.**

**Subject: Closing Order of Appeal Case.**

WHEREAS, the Nagaland Information Commission had received a Second Appeal dated **09/12/2024** from Shri. Gwalonyu Seb of Thongsunyu Village, Phone No. 9233496865 against the unsatisfactory response of the FAA, Directorate of Agriculture, Nagaland to his First Appeal dated **NIL** which was submitted against the non-response of the PIO, O/o the DAO & District Project Manager (DMU), Kohima FOCUS IFAD to his RTI application dated **03/09/2024**.

AND WHEREAS, the applicant had, declaring himself as living Below Poverty Line (BPL) submitted a RTI application dated **03/09/2024** addressed to the PIO, O/o the District Agriculture Officer, Tseminyu, seeking the following information :-

*" Kindly provide me with all the true copies of the official orders, money transactions either by cheque or cash, vouchers etc under FOCUS-IFAD for Thongsunyu village under all heads, from inception till date."*

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the RTI application on the same date i.e on **03/09/2024** as evidenced on the body of the RTI application, since there was no reply from the PIO within the time limit, the applicant had submitted a First Appeal dated **NIL** addressed to the FAA & Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Nagaland.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the First Appeal dated **NIL** vide Receipt No.3497 dated **17/10/2024** , the FAA had, vide letter **No. AGR/RTI-2/APPEAL/2024-25/262-86** dated **06/11/2024**, summoned the parties for First Appeal hearing on **12/11/2024** at 1:00 PM in the office chamber of the Director & FAA.

AND WHEREAS, after hearing the first appeal with the concerned parties on **12/11/2024**, the FAA had, vide **No. AGR/RTI-2/APPEAL/2024-2025** dated **12/11/2024**, passed decision stating that the information as sought by the applicant was kept ready with the PIO but due to miscommunication, it could not be handed over to the applicant. The FAA had also stated that the information was handed over to the applicant on the same day of the hearing i.e on **12/11/2024**, however, the applicant had refused to accept the information. In view of the above circumstances, the FAA had directed the PIO to furnish the information to the applicant **within 10 ( ten) days** from the date of receipt of its order with intimation to the FAA and declared the matter as disposed of.

AND WHEREAS, on not being satisfied with the above decision of the FAA on his first appeal, the applicant (now appellant) had submitted second appeal dated **09/12/2024** to the Nagaland Information Commission.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the Second Appeal, the Commission had, vide letter of even No. dated **07/02/2025**, directed the FAA to confirm whether the PIO had furnished the information and also to confirm satisfaction/ non-satisfaction of the applicant (now appellant) with the information so received and with a copy to the Nagaland Information Commission **within twenty (20) days** for further necessary action.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the directive of the Commission, the FAA & Director, Directorate of Agriculture had, vide **No. AGR/RTI-2/APPEAL/2024-25/338-340** dated **28/02/2025**, stated that there was no official hearing of the First appeal held on **12/11/2024** and only an informal discussion was held with the concerned parties wherein the public authority explained their inability to furnish the information sought by the applicant (now appellant) due to the seizure of all the original files pertaining to FOCUS-IFAD by the Nagaland Lokayukta. Having known and considered the situation, the applicant (now appellant) agreed with the authority not to proceed for a hearing of the matter by the FAA and no formal order was passed on the matter by the FAA.



AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above submission of the Director & FAA dated 28/02/2025, the Commission had, vide letter of even No. dated 11/03/2025, directed the Director & FAA, Directorate of Agriculture to submit a copy of the **Seizure Memo** by the Lokayukta, Nagaland *within twenty (20) days* for further necessary action.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the directive of the Commission, the FAA & Director, Directorate of Agriculture had, vide No. **AGR/RTI-2/APPEAL/2024-25/637** dated 01/04/2025, submitted a copy of the **Seizure Memo** by the Lokayukta, Nagaland.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission had observed that since all the original files pertaining to FOCUS-IFAD have been seized by the Nagaland Lokayukta and copies of the Seizure Memo are also submitted by the public authority, information could not be furnished to the applicant (now appellant). The Commission had also observed that in the absence of the documents and records, it is not advisable to conduct a hearing at this juncture and therefore decided to close the case. However, a copy of the **Seizure Memo** be given to the applicant (now appellant) and also that the DAO, Tseminyu is cautioned to take RTI matters seriously.

NOW THEREFORE, it is notified to the following parties that the Appeal case is hereby declared as **closed**:-

1. The Director & FAA, Directorate of Agriculture, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Shri. Ruovilhou Tseibu Rulho, PIO & DAO, Tseminyu, Nagaland.
3. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Gwalonyu Seb, Thongsunyu Village, P.O.-Tseminyu-797109, Phone No.9233496865

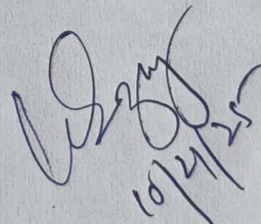
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**KEVISA KENSE, IAS (Retd.)**  
Chief Information Commissioner

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