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No. NIC/APPEAL-25/2024-25

Dated Kohima, the 16th July, 2025

Subject: - Closing Order of Appeal Case

WHEREAS, the Commission had received a Second Appeal dated **04.02.2025** from Shri. **Richard Huntsoe**, Chairman, AIACO, Nagaland, Virasoma, Opp. Khriezaphe village, Chumoukedima, Mb. No. 8787396929/ 7085985266, and Shri **Ch. Wiphibangbo**, General Secretary, AIACO, Nagaland, DBS Colony, Kohima, Mb. No. 7085686429 against the non-response of the FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland to their First Appeal dated **NIL** which was submitted against the reply of the PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland to their RTI application dated **NIL**.

2. AND WHEREAS, the applicants had jointly submitted a RTI application dated **NIL** addressed to the PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland seeking information regarding special funds allocation under 15 Finance Commission in Nagaland State during the Financial Year 2020 till date year wise :-

1. *Total amount of the project/ schemes, Name of work, total amount release so far in details and proof evidence documents original Xerox copy, duration of time period of the project/ Schemes, Name of District, villages, Name of concern contractor, block, and BDO of the concern project taken.*
2. *If the project/ Schemes is completed provide original completion certificate Xerox copy and utilization certificate.*
3. *If any 30% or 40% VIP share deducted by the concern department, kindly furnish the details information with evidence proof Xerox copy, total amount deducted in all the district project taken.*
4. *Provide under section 2j 1&2 for inspection the project/ Schemes, District wise, with proper documents counter sign by directorate office, Kohima as per the RTI Act 2005.*

3. AND WHEREAS, Smti. **K. Anenla Jamir**, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland had, vide letter No. **DRD/ME/RTI-28/2023-24** dated **06.11.2024**, informed the applicants, the cost of information which was submitted by the RDO (XV-FC) vide letter No. **DRD/FC-XV/RTI/2021-22** dated **06.11.2024** and had requested the applicants to deposit the said amount through Demand Draft in favor of the Director, Directorate of Rural Development bearing Account No. 41952312569, IFSC Code SBIN0000214, State Bank of India, Main Branch, Kohima, after which the information would be provided.

4. AND WHEREAS, on not being satisfied with the above response of the PIO, the applicants had submitted a First Appeal dated **NIL** addressed to the FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, requesting to furnish the "*information in soft copy if the information is more than 100 pages.*"

5. AND WHEREAS, on not getting any response from the FAA, the applicants had submitted a Second Appeal dated 04.02.2025 to the Commission for intervention and necessary action.

6. AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above Second Appeal, the Commission had, vide letter of even No. dated **24.02.2025**, informed the applicants (now appellants) and with a copy to the FAA and PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, that since there is no provision or condition in the Nagaland State (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005 for providing "*information in soft copies if more than 100 pages*" and that no such request to provide in soft copy was mentioned in their RTI application dated **NIL** submitted on 23.10.2024 to the PIO, the

applicants were advised to pay the cost of information as intimated by the public authority vide letter No. DRD/FC-XV/RTI/2021-22 dated 06.11.2024 in order to avail the information sought.

7. AND WHEREAS, on not getting any response from the applicants (now appellants), the Commission had, vide directive of even No. dated **12.06.2025**, directed the FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland to confirm payment and collection of the information by the applicants (now appellants) and if collected or received, to submit satisfaction/ non-satisfaction of the information so received by the applicants (now appellants) to the Commission for further necessary action.

8. AND WHEREAS, in response to the above directive of the Commission, Smti. **M. Mongna Konyak**, Additional Director & HoD/ FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland had, vide letter No. **DRD/RTI-AA-13/2023-24** dated **18.06.2025** confirmed that the applicants (now appellants) had still not paid the cost of information as intimated to them vide the Department's letter No. DRD/ME/RTI-28/2023-24 dated 06.11.2024.

9. AND WHEREAS, since there is no response from the applicants (now appellants) till date even after both the public authority and the Commission had written to them to pay the cost of information in order to avail the information, the Commission has assumed that the applicants (now appellants) are no longer interested in the information sought and has, therefore decided to close the Appeal case.

NOW THEREFORE, it is notified to all the parties that this Appeal case is hereby declared as **closed**.

1. Smti. **M. Mongna Konyak**, Additional Director & HoD/ FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Smti. **K. Anenla Jamir**, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. **Richard Humtsoe**, Chairman, AIACO, Nagaland, Virasoma, Opp. Khriezaphe village, Chumoukedima, 8787396929/ 7085985266, and Shri **Ch. Wiphibangbo**, General Secretary, AIACO, Nagaland, DBS Colony, Kohima, Mb. No. 7085686429.

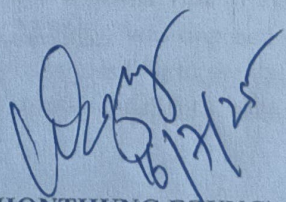
Sd/- **KEVISA KENSE, IAS (Rtd)**
Chief Information Commissioner

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1. The PS to CIC for kind information of the Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland.
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4. Smti. M. Mongna Konyak, Additional Director & HoD/ FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
5. Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
- ✓ 6. Shri. S. Chumbemo Kithan, Computer Programmer, NIC for uploading on the Commission's website.
7. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Richard Humtsoe, Chairman, AIACO, Nagaland, Virasoma, Opp. Khriezaphe village, Chumoukedima, Mb. No. 8787396929/ 7085985266, and Shri Ch. Wiphibangbo, General Secretary, AIACO, Nagaland, DBS Colony, Kohima, Mb. No. 7085686429.
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