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No. NIC/APPEAL-5/2024-25 /707

Dated Kohima, the 4th August, 2025

Appellant : Shri. Chundy Zeliang,
C/o Ginlu Stationery Shop,
Block B, Samziuram Village,
Jalukie, Peren, Nagaland – 797110,
Mobile No. 7085426917

Respondents : (i) Shri. Albert Ngullie,
Director & FAA,
Land Resources Department,
Nagaland, Kohima.

(ii) Shri. Tepunol Yore,
District Project Officer & PIO,
Land Resources Department,
Peren, Nagaland.

Public Authority : Office of the District Project Officer, Land Resources, Peren.

Date of first hearing : 29.08.2024 at 1:00 PM.

Date of first Decision : 05.09.2024.

Date of second hearing : 31.07.2025 at 1:00 PM.

Date of second Decision : 04.08.2025.

Present:

1. Shri. Albert Ngullie, Director & FAA, Directorate of Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima
Mobile No. 8119018449.
2. Shri. Levi Bennet, Project Officer & PIO, Directorate of Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima,
Mobile No. 9612256775.
3. Shri. V. Vikugha Sema, Project Officer & APIO, Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile
No. 7005684574.
4. Shri. Lipichem Sangtam, DPO & PIO, Land Resources, Nagaland, Kiphire, Mobile No.
9612522972.
5. Shri. Tepunol Yore, District Project Officer & PIO, Department of Land Resources, Peren,
Nagaland, Mobile No. 9856248808.
6. Shri. Lichumo Murry, District Project Officer & PIO, Department of Land Resources, Noklak,
Nagaland, Mobile No. 8787644391.
7. Shri. Agnes N. Phewhuo, District Project Officer & PIO, Department of Land Resources, Phek,
Nagaland, Mobile No. 8131936610.
8. Er. Moamongba, District Project Officer & PIO, Department of Land Resources, Tuensang,
Nagaland, Mobile No. 9402470640.
9. Shri. Botovi Awomi, LDA, RTI Cell, Directorate of Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima,
Mobile No. 8413007184.

The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Chundy Zeliang, C/o Ginlu Stationery Shop, Block B, Samziuram Village, Jalukie, Peren, Nagaland – 797110, Mb. No. 7085426917 did not appear for the hearing.

FACT OF THE CASE

The Commission had, on **29/08/2024** at **1:00 PM** heard the Second Appeal dated **NIL** against the non- response of the FAA, Directorate of Land Resources Development, Nagaland to the applicant's First Appeal dated **NIL** which was submitted against the non-response of the PIO, Department of Land Resources Development, Peren District, Nagaland to his RTI application dated **NIL**.

After the hearing of the second appeal, the Commission had passed decision vide of even No. dated **05/09/2024**, wherein at point No. 1 of the order of the Commission, penalty amount of Rs. 3,000/- was imposed on Shri. Imtisungkum, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima for the delay of **12 (twelve) days**, and at point No. 2, the applicant (now appellant) was directed to submit **satisfaction report** and **copies of information** so furnished to him to the Commission within **15 (fifteen) days**.

In compliance to point No. 1 of the Commission's decision dated **05/09/2024**, Shri. Albert Ngullie, Director & FAA, Land Resources had, vide letter No. **DoLR/RTI-3/2022 (Vol-II)/564-65** dated **18/09/2024**, forwarded the treasury challan in original amounting to Rs. 3,000/- towards penalty deposited by Shri. Imtisungkum, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima.

Regarding point No. 2 of the Commission's decision dated **05/09/2024**, instead of submitting the compliances, the Commission had received a letter dated **03/10/2024** from the applicant (now appellant) claiming for compensation under Section 19(8) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005, for the loss incurred due to the delayed response and expenses made for 'to and fro' during the hearing.

Since the Commission was not convinced with the above grounds for the claim of compensation, the Commission had, vide letter of even No. dated **26/11/2024**, declined the request and had once again reminded the applicant (now appellant) to comply to the Decision No. 2 of the Commission's decision dated **05/09/2024**, by submitting the **satisfaction report** and **copies of the information** within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of receipt of its directive for further necessary action.

Since no compliance was received from the applicant (now appellant), the Commission had, on **30/09/2024** at **11:41 AM**, telephonically contacted and reminded the applicant (now appellant) to submit the compliance at the earliest, however, the Commission did not receive any compliance.

In an another appeal case of District Agriculture Officer, Peren (in NIC/Appeal-7/2024-25), wherein the applicant had appeared before the Commission for the hearing on **03/02/2025** at **11:30 AM**, the Commission again reminded the applicant (now appellant) to submit the compliance to the instant case, however, the Commission did not receive any compliance.

Again on **08/04/2025**, the Commission had telephonically contacted the applicant (now appellant) to submit the compliances, however, more than **2 (two) months** had already lapsed and the Commission had not received any compliance till date.

The applicant (now appellant) had on **26/06/2025**, submitted the **satisfaction report** with the information, however, as per the decision of the Commission at point No. 2, **copies of the information** furnished have not received by the Commission.

Since the applicant (now appellant) did not furnish **the copies of the information** at point No. 2 as per the Commission's decision, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **31st July 2025(Thursday) at 01:00 PM in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, New Capital Complex, Nagaland, Kohima** and had also notified the following parties to appear before this Commission and **also 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 Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. The PIO, Directorate of Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. The District Project Officer& PIO, Department of Land Resources, Peren, Nagaland.

4. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Chundy Zeliang, C/o Ginlu Stationery Shop, Block B, Samziuram, Jalukie, Peren-797101, Mobile No. 7085426917.

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:

The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Chundy Zeliang did not appear for the hearing and there was no prior intimation or reason for his non-appearance before the Commission.

The Commission observed that inspite of several efforts made by the Commission by reminding the applicant(now appellant) vide of even letter No. dated **26.11.2024** to comply to its decision dated 05.09.2024 within 15 days and also in contacting him, both **telephonically** on 30.09.2024 at 11:41 AM and 08.04.2025, and **personally** on 03.02.2025 to comply to the said decision, the applicant(now appellant) seemed to be not serious about the RTI matter as well as the Commission. The applicant(now appellant) seemed to undermine the authority of the Commission and had taken the Commission for a ride, when the Commission tried to help him in disclosing the information through hearing. Therefore, the Commission took a serious view and warned that the applicant(now appellant) should not take RTI matter casually or for private or personal interest and that such attitude towards the Commission should not be repeated in future.

DECISION

On the above observations and findings, the Commission decided that some remedial steps ought to be taken against the applicant (now appellant) so that such incidents should not occur in future.

This decision is passed in the presence of only the respondents on 31.07.2025 at 1:00 PM.

Copies be given to:

1. Shri. Albert Ngullie, Director & FAA, Directorate of Land Resources, Nagaland, Kohima Mobile No. 8119018449.
2. Shri. Tepunol Yore, District Project Officer & PIO, Department of Land Resources, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9856248808.
3. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland, Kohima for uploading on the website.
4. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Chundy Zeliang, C/o Ginlu Stationery Shop, Block B, Samziuram Village, Jalukie, Peren, Nagaland – 797110, Mobile No. 7085426917.
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KEVISA KENSE (IAS Retd.)
Chief Information Commissioner

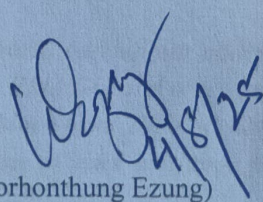
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