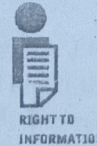


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No. NIC/APPEAL-26/2024-25

Dated Kohima, the 12th August, 2025

Subject: Notice for Hearing on 19th August, 2025 (Tuesday) at 01:30 PM

WHEREAS, the Commission had, on **20/05/2025** at **11:30 AM** heard the Second Appeal dated **27/01/2025** submitted by Shri. K. Arkha Achumi, Old Minister's Hill, Kohima, Nagaland-797001, Mobile No. 8448912183 against the inaction of the FAA to his First Appeal dated **18/11/2024** which was submitted against the non-furnishing of the PIO to his RTI application dated **30/09/2024**.

AND WHEREAS, after the hearing of the second appeal, the Commission had passed decision vide of even No. dated **26/05/2025**, wherein at point No. 2, a penalty amount of **Rs. 22,500/-** was imposed on Shri. Joseph Hesso, IPS, IGP (Adm) & PIO, PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima for contributing to the delay of **90 (ninety) days** in furnishing the information to the applicant (now appellant) without reasonable cause.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the Commission's decision dated **26/05/2025**, Shri. Joseph Hesso, IPS, IGP (Adm) & PIO, PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima had, vide letter **No. PHQ/RTI/APPEAL/2025/1214** dated **11/06/2025** submitted to the Commission, stating that on receipt of the RTI application on **30/09/2024**, he had sought the requisite information from the AIG (Adm) and the requested information was submitted by the AIG (Adm) on **23/10/2024**. However, upon cross-examination, since the information was found to be incomplete and incorrect, it was directed to furnish complete and accurate information. He further stated that the information sought was extensive and involved compilation from various units under police department which required more time than usual to ensure accuracy and completeness. The delay was purely circumstantial as a significant portion of the information requested pertained to old records dating back to 1988, which were archived and not readily available. In good faith, the applicant (now appellant) was informed telephonically about the progress and challenges in retrieving the old records and additional time would be required to compile and process the requested information. Despite these constraints, there was no refusal, negligence or intention to obstruct the applicant's right to information and the complete and correct information was duly furnished to the satisfaction of the applicant on **28/01/2025** and the applicant had submitted his withdrawal from the FAA on **07/03/2025**. He further regretted his inability to attend the hearing inspite of the hearing notice received on **05/05/2025** and a phone call from the Commission on the day of hearing on **20/05/2025** and had therefore, requested the Commission to kindly reconsider the imposition of penalty under Section 20 (1) of the RTI act, 2005.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above letter dated **11/06/2025**, the Commission had, vide letter of even dated **27/06/2025**, directed the IGP (Adm) & PIO, PHQ to submit the copies of the letters transferring the RTI application dated **30/09/2024** filed by the applicant (now appellant) to the various units and the dates of submission of the information and the copies of the information submitted by the various units including the dates of receipt by the IGP (Adm) & PIO from the various units and within the PHQ be submitted to the Commission for further necessary action.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the Commission's directive dated **27/06/2025**, Shri. Joseph Hesso, IPS, IGP (Adm) & PIO had, vide letter **NO. PHQ/RTI/APPEAL/2025/1864** dated **14/07/2025**, submitted the copies of all letters and communications sent to various units/branches and copies of information submitted by the various units in connection with the RTI application filed by the applicant (now appellant).

AND WHEREAS, on examination of the above documents submitted by the PIO, since the Commission had observed that the delay was not caused by the various units under the police department and that the Commission was not convinced with the request of the PIO to reconsider the penalty, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **19th August 2025(Tuesday) at 01:30 PM in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, New Capital Complex, Nagaland, Kohima.**

NOW THEREFORE, it is notified that the following parties are directed 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. Shri. Joseph Hesso, IPS (Retd.), IGP (Adm) & PIO, PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. The PIO, PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. The AIG (Ops) & APIO, PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima.
4. The AIG (Adm), PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima.
5. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. K. Arkha Achumi, Old Minister's Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8448912183.

Sd/-

KEVISA KENSE, IAS (Retd.)
Chief Information Commissioner

Dated Kohima, the 12th August, 2025

No. NIC/APPEAL-26/2024-25/712

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4. Shri. Joseph Hesso, IPS (Retd.), IGP (Adm) & PIO, PHQ, Nagaland, Kohima.
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