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No. NIC/APPEAL-7/2025-26

Dated Kohima, the 4th August, 2025

Subject: Notice for Hearing on 19th August, 2025 (Tuesday) at 11:30 AM.

WHEREAS, the Commission had on 11/07/2025 received a second appeal dated NIL from Shri. H. Kivika Achumi, Social Activist, Mobile No. 7005320788 and Shri. Inaka Sumi, Advocate, Mobile No. 9089842001, against the unsatisfactory decision of the Chief Engineer & FAA, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima to his first appeal dated 20/05/2025 which was submitted against the unsatisfactory reply of the PIOs to his RTI application dated NIL.

AND WHEREAS, two applicants had jointly submitted a RTI application dated NIL addressed to the PIO, Directorate of Water Resources Department, Kohima, Nagaland, along with Rs.10/- as application fee, seeking the following information under Section 6 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, in certified copies or digital records regarding implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in all districts of Nagaland from the year 2019 to present date in district-wise and year-wise format:-

1. Funds Received and Allocated:

- A. Certified copies of all funds received by the Water Resources Directorate from the Central Government and State Government under PMKSY from 2019 till date, year-wise.
- B. Details of district-wise and year-wise allocation/disbursement of funds from the Directorate, including:
 - -Fund sanction and release orders
 - -Purpose of allocation
 - -Date and amount of transfer
 - -Copies of relevant bank statements, cheque leaves, and UTR numbers
- C. Official bank account statements of the Directorate showing receipt and disbursement of PMKSY funds from 2019 onwards.
- D. Certified copies of district-level official bank account statements and cheque leaves showing receipt and disbursement of PMKSY funds from 2019 to date, including:
 - -Name of district and office
 - -Bank name and account number
 - -Year-wise statement showing credits and debits related to PMKSY
 - -Copies of issued cheque leaves and transaction references
- 2. Details of administrative and contingency expenses incurred under PMIKSY (year wine), including
 - -Itemized expenses
 - -Amounts spent
 - -Purpose
 - -Copies of bills, receipts, vouciers, and approvals
- 3. Project Implementation
 - A. Full list of PMKSY projects implemented in all districts from 2019 onwards with:
 - -Project name/Beneficiary name
 - -Location (village/town/district)
 - -Start date, completion date
 - -Estimated vs actual expenditure
 - -Status (completed/ongoing/incomplete)
 - -Name and GSTIN of executing agency/contractor

4. Copies of

-Work orders

-Technical and administrative approvals

-Completion certificates

-Utilization certificates (UCs)

5. Details of mode of payment made to contractors/agencies/beneficiarles (cheque/cash/bank transfer), along with:

-Payment proof

-Receipts

-UTR numbers

-Acknowledgement by payee

- 6. Details of any cancelled, delayed, or revised projects, along with reasons, financial implications, and related documentation.
- 7. Beneficiary Information:
 - A. Year-wise and district-wise list of beneficiaries under PMKSY from 2019 till date, including:

-Full Name

-Aadhaar Number

-Mobile Number

-Complete address (village/town/district)

-Type of benefit and amount received

-Year of benefit

-Mode of disbursement (cash, cheque, DBT)

-Acknowledgement or receipt copy

-Physical Verification and Monitoring

8. Geo-tagged photographic evidence of each PMKSY project across all districts, showing

-Project name/beneficiary name

-GPS location

-Date of photo

-Asset ID/reference number

-Officer who verified the site

9. Copies of:

-Site inspection and verification reports

-Monitoring or field visit reports (internal or third party)

-Social audit reports, if any

10. Audits and Departmental Responsibility:

A. Copies of audit reports related to PMKSY implementation, prepared by:

-Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

-State audit agencies

-Internal auditors

-Third-party independent audits

-Names, designations, and contact details of

All officers responsible for project planning, fund disbursement, execution, and monitoring at the directorate and district levels

11. In Case of Unavailability of Records:

If any of the above records/documents/information is unavailable, I request your office to: Submit a written justification stating the reason for unavailability or nonexistence of the record, Have the response signed and sealed by the concerned officer, Mention the name designation, and contact details of the responsible officer, and clarify whether the record is held by any subordinate office or another public authority.

Additional Notes:

A. If any portion of the information pertains to another department or office, kindly transfer it under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act.

2. I request that all information be provided in a district-wise and year-wise

format for clarity

3. If any information is denied, kindly mention the specific exemption clause under Section 8 or 9 of the RTI Act

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above RTI application dated NIL on 09/04/2025 as evidenced on the body of the application, Er. Phutheguo Khawakhrie, PIO, O/o the Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima had, vide letter No.WRD/RTI/TECH/Case No. 2/2058/81-82 dated 10/04/2025, forwarded the RTI application to the Executive Engineers & PIOs, Water Resources Department of Kohima, Chumoukedima, Jalukie, Wokha, Mon, Mokokchung, Phek, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Longleng and Tuensang to furnish the necessary information as sought by the applicants within the stipulated time except Query No. 1(A,B & C), 2 & 4 Utilization Certificates (UCs) which would be provided from Head Office (i.e, Chief Engineer office) and with a copy to the applicants with a request to collect the information from all the divisions.

AND WHEREAS, on not being satisfied with the response of the PIOs, the applicants had submitted First Appeal dated 20/05/2025 to the FAA, O/o the Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima, stating that:-

1. The applicants to collect the information directly from the respective divisions.

2. Violating RTI timeframe or providing misleading instructions:-

- For Chomoukedima, Zunheboto, Jalukie, Wokha and Mokokchung, the FAA directed to personally collect the information within 30 days, which is illegal.
- Kiphire, Longleng and Tuensang: No response at all till date, thereby violating the 30- day statutory deadline.
- Mon and Phek division: Sent a text message to collect information, but this was received only on 10th May 2025 and Kohima on 12th May, after the 30-day period, thus violating Section 7(1).

3. Under Secion 7 (6), applicants to receive information free of cost.

4. The Executive Engineer & PIO, Chumoukedima had in his reply dated 07/05/2025 claimed that the information was voluminous and hence the information could be accessed by physical inspections only.

In view of the above, FAA to direct all concerned divisions of Chumoukedima, Zunheboto, Jalukie, Wokha, Mokokchung, Kiphire, Longleng, Tuensang, Mon and Phek to:-

- Furnish the complete certified information as per the original RTI.
 - Deliver the information at the Directorate, not in Divisions, and
 - Provide the information free of cost as per Section 7 (6).
 - Within 5 working days from receipt of this appeal order.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above appeal, the public authority had summoned the applicants along with the PIOs of respective districts for the first hearing on 17/06/2025 at 01:00 PM at the FAA's Chamber.

AND WHEREAS, after hearing of the First Appeal, Er. Thepfusalie Guozi, Chief Engineer & FAA, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima had, vide letter No.WRD/RTI/TECH/Case No.2/2025/628-30 dated 30/06/2025, submitted the discussions and findings of the first appeal hearing to the applicants and directed the PIOs to furnish the information to the applicants only after payment is made.

AND WHEREAS, on not being satisfied with the decisions of the FAA & PIOs, the applicants (now appellants) had submitted second appeal dated *NIL* to the Nagaland Information Commission which the Commission had received on 11/07/2025.

AND WHEREAS, since the applicants (now appellants) are not satisfied with the decision of the FAA and the reply of the PIOs, 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 11:30 AM 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. Er. Thepfusalie Guozi, Chief Engineer & FAA, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima
- 2. Er. Phutheguo Khawakhrie, PIO, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 3. The Executive Engineers & PIOs, Water Resources Department, Kohima, Chumoukedima, Jalukie, Wokha, Mon, Mokokchung, Phek, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Longleng & Tuensang Divisions.
- 4. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. H. Kivika Achumi, Social Activist, Mobile No. 7005320788 & Shri. Inaka Sumi, Advocate, Mobile No. 9089842001.

Sd/KEVISA KENSE, IAS (Retd.)
Chief Information Commissioner

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- 2. The PA to SIC (N) for kind information of the State Information Commissioner.
- 3. The PA to SIC (K) for kind information of the State Information Commissioner
- 4. Er. Thepfusalie Guozi, Chief Engineer & FAA, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 5. Er. Phutheguo Khawakhrie, PIO, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 6. The Executive Engineers & PIOs, Water Resources Department, Kohima, Chumoukedima, Jalukie, Wokha, Mon, Mokokchung, Phek, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Longleng & Tuensang Divisions.
- 7. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. H. Kivika Achumi, Social Activist, Mobile No. 7005320788 & Shri. Inaka Sumi, Advocate, Mobile No. 9089842001.
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