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**No. NIC/APPEAL-16/2025-26/34**

**Dated Kohima, the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**Appellant** : Shri. Japhet Chawang,  
Peren District,  
Nagaland,  
Mobile No. 8837290110.

**Respondents** : (i) Smti. M. Mongna Konyak,  
Director & First Appellate Authority,  
Directorate of Rural Development,  
Nagaland, Kohima.

(ii) Smti. K. Anenla Jamir,  
Joint Director & PIO,  
Directorate of Rural Development,  
Nagaland, Kohima.

(iii) Smti. Rongsenmenla,  
Project Director & PIO,  
DRDA, Peren, Nagaland.

**Public Authority** : DRDA, Peren, Nagaland.

**Date of hearing** : 13.02.2026 at 11:00 AM.

**Date of Decision** : 16.02.2026

**Present:**

1. Smti. M. Mongna Konyak, Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 9436015448.
2. Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 7005402500.
3. Smti. Rongsenmenla, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9774807165.
4. Shri. Hamdok M Konyak, Deputy Director & APIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 8413002024.
5. Smti. Akhrienuo Zehol, Junior Programme Coordinator, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima-797001, Mobile No. 8414098171.
6. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Japhet Chawang, Peren District, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8837290110.

**FACT OF THE CASE**

An applicant, Shri. Japhet Chawang, Peren District had submitted a RTI application dated **29/05/2025** addressed to the PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, seeking the following information under section (6) of the Right to Information Act, 2025 :-

1. *Kindly provide the amount sanctioned for MGNREGA scheme of Peren District from 2018 till date.*
2. *Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the completed work/projects under MGNREGA of Peren district from 2018 till date.*
3. *Kindly provide the utilization certificate of MGNREGA of Peren district from 2018 date.*

4. Kindly provide the details of funds allotted year wise under MGNREGA for Peren district from 2018 till date.
5. Kindly provide the component materials provided under MGNREGA of Peren district from 2018 till date.
6. Kindly provide the name of the project/works allotted under PMAY-G, PMGSY, Mission Antyodaya, NSRLM, SAGY schemes of Peren district from 2018 till date.
7. Kindly provide the amount sanctioned for Peren district under PMAY-G, PMGSY, Mission Antyodaya, NSRLM, SAGY from 2018 till date.
8. Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the completed project/works under PMAY-G, PMGSY, Mission Antyodaya, SAGY schemes of Peren district from 2018 till date.
9. Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the ongoing project/works under PMAY-G, PMGSY, SAGY, schemes of Peren district from 2018 till date.

On receipt of the above RTI application dated 29/05/2025 by the PIO, Directorate of Rural Development on 29/05/2025, the RTI application was transferred to the PIO, Peren on 30/05/2025.

On non-response to the above RTI application dated 29/05/2025, the applicant had submitted First Appeal dated 04/07/2025 to the Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.

On receipt of the above first appeal dated 04/07/2025, Smti. M. Mongna Konyak, Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima had, after hearing the first appeal on 01/08/2025 at 01:30 PM, passed decision vide letter No.DRD/RTI-AA-13/2023-24 dated 02/08/2025 as follows:-

1. Whereas the applicant (now appellant) stated that he has not received the information even after the expiry of 30 days.
2. Whereas the PIO & Project Director, DRDA Peren responded that in the transition period of handing over and taking over, the application was oversight and the information could not be furnished on time.
3. The Director & FAA on observation directed the respondent PIO & DRDA Peren to furnish the information within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of this Hearing Decision, i.e., on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025 with intimation to the undersigned.

On receipt of the First Appeal decision dated 02/08/2025, Smti. Rongsenmenla, NCS, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren, Nagaland had, vide letter No. DRDA/PRN/RTI-1/2021-22 dated 26/08/2025, furnished the necessary information as sought by the applicant (now appellant) as follows:-

Query No.1-Kindly provide the amount sanctioned for MGNREGA scheme of Peren district from 2018 till date.

| Financial Year | Amount Sanctioned |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 2018-19        | 3789.8            |
| 2019-20        | 4089.29           |
| 2020-21        | 5199.44           |
| 2021-22        | 6535.98           |
| 2022-23        | 7714.69           |
| 2023-24        | 5246.02           |
| 2024-25        | 2154.58           |

Query No. 2-Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the completed work/ projects under MGNREGA of Peren district from 2018 till date.

- As per the RTI Act 2005, "a public authority is required to furnish only such information as is available on record and maintained by the office" (Section 2(f), 2(i) of the Act). In this regard it is informed to the applicant that the office does not maintain photographs of the works/projects.

- With reference to your request for Utilization Certificates of MGNREGA from 2018 till date, it is submitted that the said records are available and maintained. However, in view of the voluminous nature of the documents, furnishing photocopies of all such records would disproportionately divert the resources of this office, which is not mandated under Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005.

You are therefore requested to kindly visit the block offices on any working day after prior information of 15 days during office hours to inspect the records under Section 2(1)(i) of the RTI Act, 2005, after which specific extracts or photocopies, if required may be attained.

Query No. 4- Kindly provide the details of funds allotted year wise under MGNREGA for Peren district.

| Financial Year | Fund Allotted |
|----------------|---------------|
| 2018-19        | 3789.8        |
| 2019-20        | 4089.29       |
| 2020-21        | 5199.44       |
| 2021-22        | 6535.98       |
| 2022-23        | 7714.69       |
| 2023-24        | 5246.02       |
| 2024-25        | 2154.58       |

Query No. 5-Kindly provide the component materials provided under MGNREGA of Peren district from 2018 till date.

- As per MGNREGA guidelines, no materials is directly provided by the district or block. All procurement and execution is undertaken by the implementing agency. And as such the information sought is not specific/does not fall within the definition of "information" under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005 in regard to this office.

Query No. 6-Kindly provide the name of the project/works allotted under PMAY-G, PMGSY, Mission Antyodaya, NSRLM, SAGY schemes of Peren district from 2018 till date

- PMAY-G: Rural Housing
- PMGSY: No projects implemented for RD Peren
- Mission Antyodaya: No projects implemented for RD Peren
- NSRLM: enclosed (Annexure-1)
- SAGY: No projects implemented for RD Peren.

Query No. 7-Kindly provide the amount sanctioned for Peren district under PMAY-G, PMGSY, Mission Antyodaya, NSRLM, SAGY from 2018 till date.

| Financial Year | PMAY-G                                                                                                                                                          | PMGSY                                                           | Mission Antyodaya                       | NSRLM               | SAGY                                    |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2018 till date | DRDA does not sanction money to the beneficiaries as payments are made electronically directly to the beneficiary's Aadhar-linked bank or post office accounts. | PMGSY's scheme doesn't come under the preview of RD Department. | No projects implemented under RD Peren. | Enclosed as Annex-1 | No projects implemented under RD Peren. |

Query No. 8- Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the completed project/works under PMAG-Y, PMGSY, Mission Antyodaya, SAGY schemes of Peren district from 2018 till date.

- As per the RTI Act 2005, "a public authority is required to furnish only such information as is available on record and maintained by the office" (Section 2(f), 2(i) of the Act). In this regard it is informed to the applicant that the office does not maintain photographs of the works/projects.

Query No. 9-Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the ongoing project / works under PMAG-Y, PMGSY, SAGY schemes of Peren district from 2018 till date.

- As per the RTI Act 2005, "a public authority is required to furnish only such information as is available on record and maintained by the office" (Section 2(f), 2(1) of the Act). In this regard it is informed to the applicant that the office does not maintain photographs of the works/projects.

#### Annexure-1

The North East Rural Livelihood project under Ministry of Development of North-East Region (DoNER), Government of India was covering the district from 2012 to 2020. The project phased out in 2020. The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)/ Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM) phase in 2020. The following project and schemes are being implemented and benefitted in Peren District.

| Financial Year | Name of schemes and projects                                     | Amount sanction in lakh | Name of block | Number of Beneficiaries | Purpose/activity support                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2020-2025      | Custom Hiring centre fund                                        | 19.50                   | Jalukie       | 13                      | The fund is directly transfer to the village level organisation @1.50 per VLO for purchase of common asset. The SHG members hire and used the same generating revenue.       |
|                |                                                                  | 24                      | Peren         | 16                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 22.50                   | Athibung      | 15                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 30                      | Tening        | 20                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2020-2025      | Self Help Group Revolving Fund                                   | 11.85                   | Jalukie       | 79                      | The fund is directly transfer to the SHG account @15000 per SHG.                                                                                                             |
|                |                                                                  | 8.10                    | Peren         | 54                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 9.45                    | Athibung      | 63                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 7.35                    | Tening        | 49                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2020-2025      | Community Investment Fund(CIF) for SHG to block level federation | 268                     | Jalukie       | 1                       | The Block SHG federation corpus fund directly transfers to their account for inter loaning within the SHGs under them. The amount per SHG @1.50 lakh.                        |
|                |                                                                  | 158.60                  | Peren         | 1                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 168.50                  | Athibung      | 1                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 145.30                  | Tening        | 1                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2020-2025      | SHG start-up cost fund                                           | 1.58                    | Jalukie       | 79                      | The fund is directly transfer to the SHG account @2000 per SHG.                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 1.80                    | Peren         | 54                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 1.26                    | Athibung      | 63                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 0.92                    | Tening        | 46                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2020-2025      | SHG Revolving Fund Top Up                                        | 10                      | Jalukie       | 100                     | The top up fund is directly transferred to the Performing SHGs t@ Rs.10000 per SHG. To further motivate.                                                                     |
|                |                                                                  | 10                      | Peren         | 100                     |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 10                      | Athibung      | 100                     |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 10                      | Tening        | 100                     |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2020-2025      | VLO start-up fund                                                | 1.80                    | Jalukie       | 3                       | The fund is directly transfer to the Village level organization @60,000 per VLO. The VLO promoted during NERLP is supported with @10,000/- per VLO.                          |
|                |                                                                  | 1.40                    | Jalukie       | 14                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 10.20                   | Peren         | 17                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 0.20                    | Peren         | 2                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 9.60                    | Athibung      | 16                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 0.20                    | Athibung      | 2                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 12.60                   | Tening        | 21                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2020-2025      | Vulnerability Reduction fund to VLO                              | 0.20                    | Tening        | 2                       | The fund is directly transfer to Village Level organization of SHGs (VLO)@1,50,000/-Bank account for vulnerable reduction plan in the village.                               |
|                |                                                                  | 22.50                   | Jalukie       | 15                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 27                      | Peren         | 18                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 27                      | Athibung      | 18                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2020-2025      | Block Level Federation start-up fund                             | 33                      | Tening        | 22                      | The fund is directly transfer to the Block Level federation (BLF) Kemmi, suiye, Hope and Oasis block level federation bank account for account for their office set up cost. |
|                |                                                                  | 3.50                    | Jalukie       | 1                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 3.50                    | Peren         | 1                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 3.50                    | Athibung      | 1                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                |                                                                  | 3.50                    | Tening        | 1                       |                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|-----------|----------------------------------------------|------|----------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2020-2025 | Integrated Farming Cluster fund to BLF       | 10   | Jalukie  | 1 | The fund transfer to Block level Federation (BLF) Kemmi, suiyyi, Hope and Oasis block level federation bank account for livelihood promotion corpus fund. |
|           |                                              | 10   | Peren    | 1 |                                                                                                                                                           |
|           |                                              | 10   | Athibung | 1 |                                                                                                                                                           |
|           |                                              | 10   | Tening   | 1 |                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2020-2025 | Sub-Sector intervention fund                 | 30   | Jalukie  | 1 | The fund is directly transfer to BLF(SUIYI BLOCK LEVEL FEDERATION) for king chilly livelihood sub sector promotion fund corpus.                           |
|           |                                              | 20   | Tening   | 1 |                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2020-2025 | Community Manage Training Centre set-up cost | 8.50 | Jalukie  | 1 | The fund directly transfer to BLF(OASIS BLOCK LEVEL FEDERATION) bank account for setting up community managed training centre in the resource block.      |

On being dissatisfied with the information furnished by the PIO, Peren, the applicant (now appellant) had submitted second appeal dated **30/09/2025** to the Nagaland Information Commission.

Since the applicant (now appellant) had, in his Second Appeal submitted that the reply to RTI query was found dissatisfactory, incompetent and lacks proper authentic documents, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned and appeal giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 (Friday) at 11:00 AM in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, New Capital Complex, Nagaland, Kohima** and had also directed 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. Smti. M. Mongna Konyak, Director& FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Kohima, Nagaland.
2. Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. Smti. Rongsenmenla, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren, Nagaland.
4. The applicant(now appellant), Shri. Japhet Chawang, Peren District, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8837290110.

#### **OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:**

During the hearing, introducing himself as a social worker, the applicant submitted that he had filed the RTI application confining to his Peren district for educational and academic purpose. He stated that he was not satisfied with the information received on 26.08.2025 on the following points:-

- a. For Query No. 1, he had received the year-wise break-up of the *sanctioned amount for MGNREGA scheme of Peren district from 2018 till date*, however he was not satisfied since the reply given was unprofessional as the amount/figures whether in thousands or lakhs or crores were not mentioned.
- b. On his query No. 2, he stated that there were photographs on the public authority's website and he had expected consolidated report including photographs, however, no photographs were furnished.
- c. Regarding Query No. 3, he was not satisfied since no reply was given on the ground that the available records are voluminous and the PIO, DRDA, Peren had invited him to *visit the block offices on any working day after prior information of 15 days during office hours to inspect the records*. He however, stated that there was no intimation of cost of the information and hence he demanded that the information be furnished to him free of cost and in soft copies.
- d. For query No. 4, he had expected that the break-up of the funds utilised be furnished, however, he was not satisfied since the same reply as for Query No. 1 was given.

- e. For query Nos. 5 to 9, are all satisfied.

Smti. Rongsenmenla, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren stated that she was not aware of the RTI application which was filed on 29.05.2025, however, she came to know of the RTI matter only after she joined the DRDA, Peren on 01.06.2025 and on the direction of the Director & FAA during the first appeal hearing held on 01.08.2025, she had furnished the information to the applicant(now appellant) on 26.08.2025.

- i. On the above non-satisfaction of the applicant(now appellant), she clarified that the amount/figures sanctioned given at query Nos. 1 and 4 were in lakhs.
- ii. On query No. 2, she stated that the geo-tagged photos of the projects taken before and after are available on the website.
- iii. On query No. 3, she stated that the information sought are available but voluminous, and since *furnishing photocopies of all such records would disproportionately divert the resources of this office, which is not mandated under Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005*, she had invited the applicant for inspection of the records and take copies of whatever documents he required, however, he did not respond or inspect. She further stated that on the request of the applicant, providing the information in soft copies would divert the resources of the office as it would amount to scanning of all the pages.
- iv. On query No. 4, the same reply was furnished since the query was the similar to query No. 1.

The Commission also observed that query Nos. 1 and 4 are similar and since the PIO, Peren had already furnished and been clarified, no further direction is given.

On query No. 2, the Commission observed that since the geo-tagged photos of the projects are available on the website, the PIO should have given the web address or link to the the applicant (now appellant) for accessing the photos.

Regarding query No. 3, the Commission observed that since the information was voluminous, on the invitation of the PIO, DRDA, Peren for inspection, the applicant (now appellant) should have also visited and inspected the records if he was really interested in obtaining the information. On the request of the applicant (now appellant) to furnish such voluminous information (UC) in soft copies, the Commission also observed that it was unreasonable and that the applicant (now appellant) should also seek information of what he could afford, need and consume. Moreover, the applicant(now appellant) had not mentioned in his RTI application to provide the UCs in soft copies.

Regarding query Nos. 5 to 9, no further direction is given since the applicant (now appellant) had expressed his satisfaction with the replies.

The Commission also observed that the RTI application dated 29.05.2025 was received on the same date by Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development and on receipt, she had promptly transferred it to the PIO, DRDA, Peren on 30.05.2025. However, since there was no reply within the stipulated time limit, the applicant (now appellant) had submitted the first appeal. Since Smti. Rongsenmenla, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren had joined the office only on 01.06.2025, from the date of her joining on 01.06.2025 to the date of furnishing to the applicant (now appellant) on 26.08.2025, the total number of days was 86 days. However, taking into account the 30 days time limit for the PIO to furnish the information, the number of days of delay becomes,  $86 - 30 = 56$  days for which penalty was attracted.

### DECISION

On the above observations and findings, the Commission decided that:-

1. On **query No. 2**, regarding the *pictorial evidences of the completed work/projects under MGNREGA of Peren district from 2018 till date*, the PIO, Peren shall provide the web link or address where the geo-tagged photos of the projects taken before and after are available

on the website, within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this decision and with a copy to this Commission.

2. For **query No. 3**, regarding *the utilization certificate of MGNREGA of Peren district from 2018 date*, the applicant (now appellant) shall *visit the block offices on any working day after prior information of 15 days during office hours to inspect the records as informed by the PIO, Peren*. The inspection of the records shall be completed within three (3) weeks from the date of receipt of this Decision. After the inspection, the applicant(now appellant) shall submit his satisfaction or non-satisfaction to the PIO and with a copy to this Commission within ten (10) days from the date of the inspection.
3. Under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005, penalty at the rate of Rs. 250/- per day of delay for 56 days of delay amounting to Rs. 14,000.00 (Rupees fourteen thousand only) is imposed on Smti. Rongsenmenla, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren, for contributing to the delay in furnishing the information to the applicant (now appellant) without reasonable cause.

The above penalty amount shall be paid within within one (1) week from the date of receipt of this decision. Since penalty is imposed personally, the penalty amount shall be deposited into the Government account under her name, designation and signature through treasury challan in favour of the Accounts Officer, Nagaland Information Commission, Kohima under the Head of Account given below, with a copy of the treasury challan (in original) to this Commission:-

0070 - Other Administrative Services  
60 - Other Services  
118- Receipts under RTI Act, 2005

Decision pronounced in the presence of both the parties on 13.02.2026 at 11:00 AM.

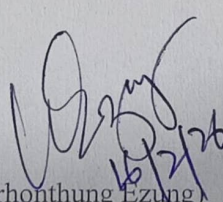
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Chief Information Commissioner

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