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No. NIC/APPEAL-17/2025-26 /126

Dated Kohima, the 12th May, 2026

Appellant : Shri. Mezumkaulak,
Jalukie Colony
Ward No-9. H/No-248,
Jalukie Town, Contact No. 7005776919

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

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

Public Authority : DRDA, Peren, Nagaland.

Date of hearing : 08.05.2026 at 11:30 AM.

Date of Decision : 12.05.2026

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, NCS, 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. Shri. Khovi Thapru, BDO, Jalukie.
6. Shri. Imlisanen Aier, BDO, Peren, Mobile No. 8731914610.
7. Smti. Akhrienuo Zehol, Junior Programme Coordinator, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima-797001, Mobile No. 8414098171.
8. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Mezumkaulak, Jalukie Colony Ward No-9. H/No-248, Jalukie Town, Contact No. 7005776919.

FACT OF THE CASE

An applicant, Shri. Mezumkaulak had submitted an RTI application dated 28.05.2025 along with Rs 10/- as RTI application fee to the PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren, Nagaland seeking information regarding MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY schemes of Peren District containing the following queries:-

1. Kindly provide the Schemes/Projects allotted under MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY schemes for Peren District from 2015 till date.
2. Kindly provide the amount sanctioned for MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY scheme for Peren District from 2015 till date.

3. *Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the completed work/projects under MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY from 2015 till date.*
4. *Kindly provide the utilization certificate of MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY schemes from 2015 till date.*
5. *Kindly provide the details of the fund allotted year wise under MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY schemes of Peren District from 2015 till date.*
6. *Kindly provide the pictorial evidences of the ongoing work/projects under MGNREGA, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY from 2015 till date.*
7. *Kindly provide the Beneficiaries list for PMAY-G, PMGSY, DDUGKY, Mission Antyodaya, NSAP, SAGY scheme from 2015 till date.*

On receipt of the above RTI application dated 28.05.2025 by the District Rural Development Agency, Peren on the same day i.e. 28.05.2025 as evidenced on the body of the RTI Application since, the PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren, Nagaland had failed to furnish the information sought, the applicant (now appellant) had, vide letter dated 27.06.2025, submitted first appeal to the Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland.

On receipt of the above first appeal, the FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima had after hearing on 01.08.2025 (Friday) at 01:00 PM and passed decision vide No. DRD/RTI-AA-13/2023-24 dated *NIL* (but signed on 02.08.2025) wherein the FAA had directed the PIO & DRDA, Peren to furnish the required information within 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of the Hearing Decision, i.e. on or before 31.08.2025.

In compliance to the above decision dated 02.08.2025 of the Director & FAA, Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, the Project Director, DRDA, Peren had furnished the RTI reply to the applicant (now appellant) vide letter No. DRDA/PRN/RTI-1/20221-22 dated 26.08.2025.

The Commission had, vide its directive dated 26.11.2025 directed the FAA to submit a copy of the FAA decision and in compliance, the Director & FAA had submitted its decision dated 02.08.2025 to the Commission. Since, on the direction of the FAA, the PIO had furnished the information to the applicant (now appellant), the Commission had, on 17.12.2025 directed FAA to confirm satisfaction or non- satisfaction of the applicant within thirty (30) days.

However, on receipt of the above RTI reply, the applicant (now appellant) had vide letter dated 06.01.2026 written to the Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Peren stating that the information provided was *for the sake just to erase and waste of time not keeping in mind that the information of his queries does not fall within the restriction under Sections 8 and 9 of the RTI Act, 2005.*

The applicant (now appellant) had also submitted the Second Appeal dated 13.09.2025 to this Commission stating that the PIO still continue to furnish incomplete information.

Since the applicant (now appellant) was still not satisfied with the information so furnished, the Commission had decided to hear the above mentioned appeal by giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **08th May, 2026 (Friday) at 11:30 AM** in the **Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, Below NBCC Convention Centre, New Capital Complex, Nagaland, Kohima** and had 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, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Smti. Rongsenmenla, NCS, Project Director & PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren, Nagaland.
3. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Mezumkaulak, Jalukie Colony Ward No-9. H/No-248, Jalukie Town, Contact No. 7005776919.

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:

During the hearing the applicant (now appellant), Shri. Mezumkaulak stated that the information regarding the list of names of the beneficiaries and their ID containing more than 2000 beneficiaries under the PMAY-G and PMGSY Schemes were furnished, however he was not satisfied since other details like village-wise was not given for which he was unable to locate or identify or even verify the beneficiaries. Further, under the MGNREGA, no location or specific plan were furnished.

Smti. Rongsenmenla, NCS, Project Director & PIO, District Rural Development Agency, Peren, Nagaland informed that she was posted to Peren and took charge only on 01.06.2025. She stated that the Rural Department implements only MGNREGA and PMAY-G, whereas the DDUGKY is implemented by the PIAs. The PMGSY scheme do not come under the Rural Development Department, while no projects are implemented under RD Peren for Mission Antyodaya, NSAP and SAGY schemes. She submitted that whatever information sought *for Peren District from 2015 till date* and details available on the portal and in the PMGAY Cell had been furnished. She further pointed out that the applicant (now appellant) had sought very generic queries and the replies had been given accordingly.

The Commission observed that the PIO had furnished the information according to the queries sought and had also clarified in the hearing, hence the applicant (now appellant) should be satisfied.

The Commission also observed that since the RTI application dated 28.05.2025 was received on the same day by the DRDA, Peren, and no reply was given within the stipulated time, the applicant (now appellant) had submitted the first appeal dated 27.06.2025 and hence the delay. Since Smti. Rongsenmenla, NCS, 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.

The Commission further observed that since penalty is being imposed on Smti. Rongsenmenla, NCS, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren for the second time in recent times, the PIO is cautioned to take RTI matter seriously and furnish replies promptly in future.

DECISION

On the above observations and findings, the Commission decided that since whatever information available had been furnished as sought by the applicant (now appellant) and had also clarified and explained by the PIO, DRDA, Peren, no further direction is given.

However, regarding the delay, 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, NCS, 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

On receipt of the above compliance, the Commission shall declare the case as closed.

Decision pronounced in the presence of both the parties on 08.05.2026 at 11:30 AM.

Copies be given to:

1. Smti. M. Mongna Konyak, Director & FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 9436015448.
2. Smti. Rongsenmenla, NCS, Project Director & PIO, DRDA, Peren, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9774807165.
3. The Accounts Officer, Nagaland Information Commission for information.
4. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website.
5. The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Mezumkaulak, Jalukie Colony Ward No-9. H/No-248, Jalukie Town, Contact No. 7005776919.
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Chief Information Commissioner

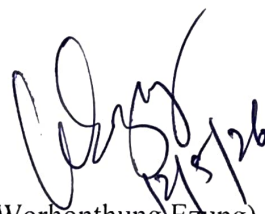
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