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No. NIC/APPEAL-23/2025-26 / 84

Dated Kohima, the 2nd April, 2026

Appellant : Shri. Lumpili & Party,
High School Colony,
Kohima, Nagaland, 797001,
Mobile No. 7005089763.

Respondents : (i) Shri. Sentiwapang Aier,
Secretary & FAA,
NSDMA,
Home Department,
Nagaland, Kohima.

(ii) Shri. Temsuwangshi Jamir,
Assistant Manager & PIO,
NSDMA,
Home Department,
Nagaland, Kohima.

iii) Shri. Kevisede Üsuo,
SA & APIO,
NSDMA,
Home Department,
Nagaland, Kohima.

Public Authority : NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima.

Date of hearing : 27.03.2026 at 11:30 AM

Date of Decision : 02.04.2026.

Present:

1. Shri. Temsuwangshi Jamir, Assistant Manager & PIO, NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 8974539125.
2. Shri. Kuthophuyi Tetseo, Junior Section Officer, Accounts Unit, NSDMA, Mobile No. 8731896419.
3. Shri. Kevisede Üsuo, SA & APIO, NSDMA, Mobile No. 7204242480.
4. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Lumpili & Party, High School Colony, Kohima, Nagaland, 797001, Mobile No. 7005089763.

Shri. Sentiwapang Aier, Secretary & FAA, NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima did not appear for the hearing.

FACT OF THE CASE

The applicants had submitted a RTI application dated 25.08.2025 to the PIO, NSDMA seeking the following information:-

1. *The complete record of funds received by Nagaland under the SDRF for the years 2021 – 2022, 2022 – 2023, 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025.*
2. *The complete record of expenditure made under Sl. No. 1 and the authority under whom these expenditure were incurred.*
3. *The complete list of disasters or reliefs provided and beneficiaries under Sl. No. 1.*

4. *Provide complete records of works undertaken under Sl. No. 1 – completed or ongoing in the form of photos.*
5. *Kindly provide the complete record of financial transaction given to the beneficiaries in the form of DBTs or APRs under Sl. No. 1.*
6. *The total amount of funds received and withdrawn by Nagaland under the SDMF for the years 2021 – 2022, 2022 – 2023, 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025.*
7. *The complete record of expenditure made under Sl. No. 6 and the authority under whom these expenditure were made.*
8. *The complete list of mitigation works undertaken and beneficiaries under Sl. No. 6.*
9. *Kindly provide the complete record of financial transaction given to the beneficiaries in the form of DBTs or APRs under Sl. No. 6.*
10. *Provide complete records of works undertaken under Sl. No. 6 – completed or ongoing in the form of photos.*
11. *Provide record of any other financial sanctioned received by Nagaland under SDRF and SDMF.*
12. *Provide complete records of disaster works or mitigation works undertaken under Sl. No. 11.*
13. *Provide complete list of beneficiaries under Sl. No. 11.*
14. *Kindly provide the complete record of financial transaction given to the beneficiaries in the form of DBTs or APRs under Sl. No. 11.*
15. *Provide complete records of works undertaken under Sl. No. 11 – completed or ongoing in the form of photos.*

The above RTI application dated 25.08.2025 was received by the NSDMA on the same date vide **Receipt No. 25-74** dated **25.08.2025**, however on not getting any reply to the above RTI application within the stipulated time period, the applicants had submitted a First Appeal dated 30.09.2025 addressed to the FAA, NSDMA, Nagaland.

On receipt of the above First Appeal dated 30.09.2025 vide **Receipt No. 25-85** dated **30.09.2025**, since there was no response of the FAA to their First Appeal dated 30.09.2025, the applicants (now appellants) had submitted a Second Appeal dated 27.11.2025 (but signed on 03.12.2025) to the Commission for intervention and necessary action.

On receipt of the above Second Appeal dated 27.11.2025 (but signed on 03.12.2025), the Commission had, vide its Directive of even No. dated **27.01.2026**, directed the FAA, NSDMA, Nagaland to hear the First Appeal dated 30.09.2025 **within 15 (fifteen) days** from the date of receipt of its directive and to submit a copy of the decision to the Commission for further necessary action.

Since the FAA had failed to respond to the above directive of the Commission within the given time period, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal by giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **27th March, 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 **also to bring the files and relevant documents** in question for scrutiny on the above date and time for hearing.

1. The **First Appellate Authority**, NSDMA, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. The **Public Information Officer**, NSDMA, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. The applicants (now appellants), **Shri. Lumpii & Party**, High School Colony, Kohima, Nagaland, 797001, Mobile No. 7005089763.

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:

The Commission had received a letter No. 11/02/2026-NSDMA/468 dated 26.03.2026 from Shri. Sentiwapang Aier, Secretary & FAA, NSDMA, Home Department informing the

Commission about his inability to attend the hearing due to the ongoing Budget Session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly scheduled on the same day i.e. 27.03.2026.

During the hearing, the applicant(now appellant), Shri. Lumpili stated that he had filed the first appeal dated 30.09.2025 to the FAA since no information to his RTI application dated 25.08.2025 was received within the 30 days time. However, after the hearing of the first appeal by the FAA on 24.03.2026, the information pertaining to query Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 were furnished vide letter No. 08/06/2025 – NSDMA dated 14.11.2025, and the reply pertaining to query Nos. 3, 4, and 5 were furnished vide letter No. NSDMA-RLF-RTI/385/2021/1481 dated 13.11.2025. He further stated that he was satisfied with the information which was received on the day of FAA's hearing on 24.03.2026 and copies of the above information so furnished to him were produced to the Commission during the hearing.

While admitting the delay, Shri. Temsuwangshi Jamir, Assistant Manager & PIO, NSDMA submitted that hearings of his first appeal dated 30.09.2025 were scheduled on multiple occasions on 18.12.2025, 19.02.2026, 17.03.2026 and 24.03.2026, however, the applicant(now appellant) sought for repeated adjournments of the hearings and declined to collect the information citing pendency of his appeal before the Commission.

The Commission observed that since the applicant(now appellant) had received the information and had expressed his satisfaction with the information, no further direction is given or action needed. However, regarding the delay, the Commission observed that from the date of receipt of the RTI application dated 25.08.2025 on 25.08.2025 to the date of furnishing to the applicant(now appellant) on 24.03.2026, there was a total of 211 days. Taking into account of the 30 days for the PIO to furnish the information, the number of days of delay becomes $211 - 30 = 181$ days, for which penalty is attracted. However, under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, since penalty @ Rs. 250 per day of delay is limited to a maximum amount of Rs. 25,000.00, which is for 100 days, the Commission had observed that maximum penalty has been attracted.

DECISION

On the above observations and findings, the Commission decided that under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005, penalty at the rate of Rs. 250/- per day of delay for the maximum delay amounting to **Rs. 25,000.00** (Rupees twenty five Thousand only) is imposed on Shri. Temsuwangshi Jamir, Assistant Manager & PIO, NSDMA for contributing to the delay in furnishing the information to the applicants (now appellants) without reasonable cause. The above penalty amount shall be paid **within 20 (twenty) days** from the date of receipt of this decision. Since penalty is imposed personally, the penalty amount shall be deposited into the Government account under his 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 **treasury challan**, the Commission shall declare the case as closed.

Decision pronounced in the presence of both the parties on 27.03.2026 at 11:30 A.M.

Copies be given to:

1. Shri. Sentiwapang Aier, Secretary & FAA, NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima.

2. Shri. Temsuwangshi Jamir, Assistant Manager & PIO, NSDMA, Home Department, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 8974539125.
3. The Accounts Officer, Nagaland Information Commission for information.
- ✓ 4. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website.
5. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Lumpili & Party, High School Colony, Kohima, Nagaland, 797001, Mobile No. 7005089763.
6. Office Copy.

Sd/-

KEVISA KENSE, IAS (Retd.)
Chief Information Commissioner

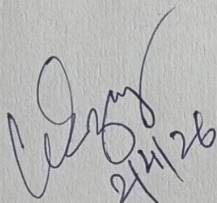
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State Information Commissioner

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