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No. NIC/APPEAL-24/2025-26/125

Dated Kohima, the 12th May, 2026

Appellants : Shri. Kurakyu & party,
Purana Bazar,
Dimapur, Nagaland,
Mobile No- 8119823486.

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. Shuyhunle Nyenthong,
Joint Director/Project Officer (MGNREGA),
Directorate of Rural Development,
Nagaland, Kohima.

Public Authority : Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.

Date of hearing : 08.05.2026 at 11:00 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. Shuyhunle Nyenthong, Joint Director/Project Officer (MGNREGA), Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 9436000756.
4. Shri. J. Wesley Magh, Deputy Director, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 7005190633.
5. Shri. Hamdok M Konyak, Deputy Director & APIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima, Mobile No. 8413002024.
6. Smti. Akhrienuo Zehol, Junior Programme Coordinator, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima-797001, Mobile No. 8414098171.
7. On behalf of the applicants (now appellants), Shri. Kurakyu, the following persons appeared:-
 - a. Shri. Yanglise Sangtam, Kohima, Mobile No. 9612813793.
 - b. Shri. Amos Ngullie, Dimapur, Mobile No. 6009667052.

The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Kurakyu, Purana Bazar, Dimapur, Nagaland, Mobile No- 8119823486 **did not appear** for the hearing.

FACT OF THE CASE

An applicant, Shri. Kurakyu & party had submitted an RTI application dated 08.09.2025 to the Directorate of Rural Development along with an application fee of Rs 10/- seeking the following :-

1. *Kindly furnish all the **Ministry sanction order and administrative approval** in respect of MGNREGA Scheme of the year 2024-25.*
2. *Kindly furnish **sanction order** release from Directorate to Project Director, Dimapur & Chumoukedima district in respect of MGNREGA Scheme for the year 2024-25.*
3. *Kindly furnish **Ministry order of how many days of wage employment** were given per job card holder to the state of Nagaland under MGNREGA Scheme during 2024-25.*
4. *Kindly furnish **village/colony wise total number of job card holder** under Dimapur & Chumoukedima.*
5. *Is the department received separate fund for material cost from the ministry for MGNREGA scheme? If not, how do the department allocate or break up the material cost for the projects under village/colony in Nagaland?*

On receipt of the RTI application dated 08.09.2025 on 09.09.2025 as evidenced on the body of the said application, Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima had, vide letter No. DRD/ME/RTI-29/2024-25 dated 07.10.2025 furnished the information to the applicant which was submitted by Smti. Shuyhunle Nyenthong, Joint Director/PO (MGNREGA), Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima to her (the PIO) vide letter No. DRD.MGNREGA/RTI-05/2025-26 dated 07.10.2025.

However, on receipt of the above information furnished vide letter No. DRD.MGNREGA/RTI-05/2025-26 dated 07.10.2025, the applicants (now appellants) had submitted First Appeal dated 10.11.2025 to the Appellate Authority, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima to furnish the following information in details:-

1. *Kindly furnish the number of man days allotted and sanctioned by the Ministry per Job Card holder for the state of Nagaland in the financial year 2024-25.*
2. *Kindly furnish the number of man days allotted to the job card holder in our state by the Rural Development Department in the year 2024-25.*

On receipt of the above mentioned First Appeal, the FAA, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima had heard the first appeal on 09.12.2025 at 12:30 PM.

On being not satisfied, the applicants (now appellants) had submitted a Second Appeal dated 16.12.2025 to this Commission stating that during the First Appeal hearing conducted on 09.12.2025 at 12:30 PM in the Directorate Office, he was told that the information could not be furnished.

On receipt of the above Second Appeal, the Commission observed that since the appellants had not submitted/enclosed all the supporting documents such as the copy of the original RTI application, decision copy of the First Appeal hearing and the copies of the information furnished, the applicant was (on 02.02.2026) directed to submit the above missing documents within 15 days for examination of the case.

On receipt of the above directive, the applicants (now appellants) had vide letter dated 16.03.2026 submitted to the Nagaland Information Commission that the Rural Development Department had not furnished any copy with regard to the first appeal and during the discussion (FAA's hearing), the Department had clearly stated that they were unable to furnish the information regarding man-days under the MGNREGA scheme in Nagaland.

Since the applicants (now appellants) have not received any decision copy from the FAA, Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima and they are still not satisfied with the first appeal hearing dated 09.12.2025, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal by giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on 08th May, 2026 (Friday) at 11:00 AM, in the Hearing Room of the Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex,

Below NBCC Convention Centre, 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, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. Smti. Shuyhunle Nyenthong, Joint Director/Project Officer (MGNREGA), Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
4. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Kurakyu & party, Purana Bazar, Dimapur, Nagaland, Mobile No- 8119823486.

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:

The applicant (now appellant), Shri. Kurakyu himself did not appear before the Commission for the hearing and there was no prior intimation or reason for his non-appearance, however, other persons namely, Shri. Yanglise Sangtam, Kohima, Mobile No. 9612813793 and Shri. Amos Ngullie, Dimapur, Mobile No. 6009667052 had appeared on behalf of Shri. Kurakyu.

During the hearing, Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima informed the Commission that Shri. Kurakyu did not appear even in the FAA's hearing and instead another person claiming to be the applicant attended the hearing. She further pointed out that the RTI application dated 08.09.2025 and the first appeal dated 10.11.2025 bore the name of **"Kurakyu Naga"**, whereas in the Second Appeal to the Commission, he had written as **"Kurakyu & party"**.

The Commission observed that Shri. Kurakyu had not only given different names but also different contact numbers in all his letters. In his RTI application, he had given his Mobile No. as 6909706912; in his first appeal, he had given his Mobile No. as 7005067415 and in his Second Appeal, he had given his Mobile No. as 8119823486. Moreover, he could not be contacted in any of the above mobile numbers when the Commission tried to inform him about the hearing, thus creating a benefit of doubt about his sincerity and genuinity in seeking information. The Commission, therefore, took a serious view in giving different names and different Mobile Numbers in all his letters. The Commission further observed that if the applicant really want the information, he should not shy away or try to hide from the FAA or the Commission during the hearings.

Speaking on behalf of the applicant (now appellant) and referring to query No. 3 of the RTI application dated 08.09.2025, Shri. Yanglise Sangtam stated that he only wanted to know *the number of days of wage employment given per job card holder to the State of Nagaland under MGNREGA Scheme during 2024-25.*

Since the applicant(now the appellant) had appealed only against the reply to **query No. 3**, and were silent or did not appeal for the other queries, the Commission heard the appeal for query No. 3, suggesting that he was satisfied with the replies to his other queries. The Commission also observed that since the total amount and the total number of job card holders are known and had been given, the *number of days of wage employment given per job card holder can be easily worked out.*

No delay observed in furnishing the information.

DECISION

On the above observations and findings, the Commission directed that Smti. K. Anenla Jamir, Joint Director & PIO, Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima shall furnish to the applicant (now the appellant) and with a copy to the Commission, the information relating to query No. 3 of the RTI application dated 08.09.2025 **if and only when the applicant (now the appellant) gives his proper name and contact details.**

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

Decision pronounced in the presence of both the parties on 08.05.2026 at 11:00 AM.

Copies be given to:

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. Shuyhunle Nyenthong, Joint Director/Project Officer (MGNREGA), Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
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5. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Kurakyu & party, Purana Bazar, Dimapur, Nagaland, Mobile No- 8119823486.
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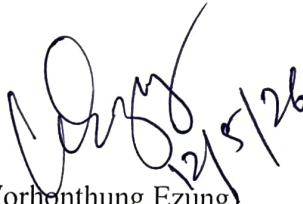
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