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No. NIC/APPEAL-8/2025-26 / 783

Dated Kohima, the 24th November, 2025

Appellants

- : (i) Shri. Netsozü Tünyi,
Mobile No. 9612777534.
- (ii) Shri. Kütthohü Thira,
Mobile No. 8131950563.

Respondents

- : (1) Shri. Rhosietho Nguori,
Deputy Commissioner & First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Phek, Nagaland.
- (2) Shri. Ruopfukuotuo Noudi, NCS,
Additional Deputy Commissioner & PIO,
Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Phek, Nagaland.
- (3) Shri. Saratho Katiry, NCS,
Sub-Divisional Officer (C),
Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Phek, Nagaland.
- (4) Shri. Puhani Khiarniungan, NCS,
Extra Assistant Commissioner,
Pfutsero, Nagaland.
- (5) Shri. H. Aloto Shote,
Extra Assistant Commissioner,
Pfutsero, Nagaland.
- (6) Shri. Thipuzhoyo Thira,
Ex- Chairman,
Kikruma Village Council.
- (7) Shri. Duhuta Vero,
Ex-Secretary,
Kikruma Village Council.
- (8) Shri. Soseyo Yhobu,
Ex-Treasurer-cum-VCM,
Kikruma Village Council.
- (9) The Audit Committee of Kikruma Village
i. Shri. Mutsihoyo Yhobu, Convenor;
ii. Shri. Povezo Puro, Member;
iii. Shri. Vethila Kezo, Member;
iv. Shri. Bodelhou Vero, Member;

- v. Shri. Vesapra Tunyi, Member and
- vi. Shri. George Thira, Member.

Public Authority : Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland.

Date of first hearing : 19.08.2025 at 12:30 PM

Date of first Decision : 21.08.2025

Date of second hearing : 21.11.2025 at 11:00 AM

Date of second Decision : 24.11.2025

Present:

1. Shri. Rhosietho Nguori, Deputy Commissioner & FAA, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9612581203.
2. Shri. H. Aloto Shohe, Extra Assistant Commissioner & APIO, Pfutsero, Nagaland, Mobile No. 7642012162.

The following did not appear:

3. Shri. Puan Khiamniungan, NCS, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Pfutsero, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8787500034.
4. The former Audit Committee of Kikruma Village – Shri. Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, Convenor; Shri. Povezo Puro, Member; Shri. Vethihu Kezo, Member; Shri. Bodelhou Vero, Member; Shri. Vesapra Tunyi, Member and Shri. George Thira, Member.
5. Shri. Thipuzhoyo Thira, Ex-Village Council Chairman, Kikruma; Shri. Duhuta Vero, Ex-Secretary, Kikruma and Shri. Soseyo Yhobu, Ex-Treasurer-cum-VCM, Kikruma.
6. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Netsozü Tünyi, Mobile No. 9612777534 and Shri. Kuthohü Thira, Mobile No. 8131950563.

FACT OF THE CASE

The Commission had heard the Second Appeal dated **17/07/2025** on **19/08/2025** at **12:30 PM** submitted by Shri. Netsozu Tunyi, Mobile No. 9612777534, Shri. Kuthohu Thira, Mobile No. 8131950563, Shri. Vetho Kezo, Mobile No. 8837221452 and Shri. Huyo Puro, Mobile No. 8729923110, against the unsatisfactory response of the Deputy Commissioner, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland to their first appeal dated **17/03/2025** which was submitted against the unsatisfactory reply of the PIO to their RTI application dated **29/01/2025**.

After the hearing of the second appeal, the Commission had passed decision vide of even No. dated **21/08/2025**, reserving its decision since the Commission noticed that unless the misunderstanding and the issue is resolved amongst them, no further decision could be taken.

The Commission had on **02/09/2025** received a letter from the (former) Audit Committee signed on **25/08/2025** by the following 6 (six) members:-

1. *Shri. Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, Convenor.*
2. *Shri. Povezo Puro, Member,*
3. *Shri. Vethihu Kezo, Member,*
4. *Shri. Bodelhou Vero, Member,*
5. *Shri. Vesapra Tunyi, Member,*
6. *Shri. George Thira, Member,*

stating that "the erstwhile Razu Kuhu, a welfare body of Kikruma village nominated us to conduct an Audit on V.D.B expenditure of our village in the year 2021. It may be pertinent to mention that we were not officially appointed by the district administration nor the village council. The process to audit the account was delayed as the VDB had given a reason that some of their projects were on-going and that they will submit the necessary documents after the completion of the works. In the meantime the undersigned members were also requested to audit the expenditure incurred in the construction of our village ground (The Fund of which was received as compensation during the construction of 2 Lane Road in our village). However it may be mentioned that before the completion of the audit, the internal conflict in our village led to the dissolution of the Razu Kuhu in the month of January 2024. Hence our nomination as audit committee is co-terminus with the dissolution of Razu Kuhu. Therefore sir, we would like to clarify to your office that we no longer exist as audit members in all financial matters relating to Kikruma Village."

Further, the former Audit Committee signed by the following 6(six) members,

1. Shri. Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, Convenor.
2. Shri. Povezo Puro, Member,
3. Shri. Vethihu Kezo, Member,
4. Shri. Bodelhou Vero, Member,
5. Shri. Vesapra Tunyi, Member,
6. Shri. George Thira, Member,

had also submitted to the Commission on 27/10/2025 (signed on 20/10/2025), stating that the observation at paragraphs 6 & 7 of the decision dated 21/08/2025 may be reviewed since it was wrongly recorded as stated by Shri. Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, Convenor, Audit committee and not by the applicants (now appellants).

The Commission observed that since the decision was kept reserved and cannot continue for longer period, the Commission has decided to hear again the above mentioned appeal giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **21st November, 2025(Friday) at 11:00 AM in the Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, 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. Shri. Rhosietho Nguori, Deputy Commissioner & FAA, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9612581203.
2. Shri. Puhan Khamniungan, NCS, Extra Assistant Commissioner (EAC), Pfcutsero, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8787500034.
3. The Former Audit Committee of Kikruma Village, Shri. Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, Convenor; Shri. Povezo Puro, Member; Shri. Vethihu Kezo, Member; Shri. Bodelhou Vero, Member; Shri. Vesapra Tunyi, Member and Shri. George Thira, Member.
4. Shri. Thipuzhoyo Thira, Ex-Village Council Chairman, Kikruma; Shri. Duhuta Vero, Ex-Secretary, Kikruma and Shri. Soseyo Yhobu, Ex-Treasure-cum-VCM, Kikruma.
5. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Netsozu Tunyi, Mobile No. 9612777534 and Shri. Kuthohu Thira, Mobile No. 8131950563.

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS:

The Commission had accepted the request of Shri. Puhan Khamniungan, NCS, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Pfcutsero and incharge of Kikruma Village submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 18.11.02025 for his inability to attend the hearing due to some prior unavoidable engagement that he had committed prior to receiving the Notice.

The Commission observed that the applicants(now appellants) wanted the audit report regarding the detailed receipts/income and expenditure statement from 2019 to 2024, however

since the Kikruma Village Council and the Audit Committee have already been dissolved, no audit could be conducted. Therefore, the Commission proposed to set up a new Audit Committee with the DC, Phek as the Convenor along with the EAC in charge of Village as Co-Convenor including some prominent senior retired officers of the village. However, since Kikruma Village comes under the administration of Pfutsero, Shri. Rhosietho Nguori, Deputy Commissioner & FAA, Phek suggested to have the Audit Committee headed by the ADC, Pfutsero as the Convenor along with the EAC in charge of Kikruma Village and the BDO, Kikruma to be part of the Audit Committee and the members co-opted by the Convenor from the village taking into account of the village dynamics. He further informed that the Village Council is expected to be set up in January, 2026.

While agreeing to the above suggestion of the DC, Phek, the Commission observed that though the selection of new members of the Kikruma Village Council starts in January, 2026, the whole of process of completing setting up of the Village Council would take few months, and had therefore, desired to complete the auditing before the Village Council is setup.

As submitted by the former Audit Committee vide letter signed on 25/08/2025 for a review of Paras 6 & 7 of the last observations of the Commission in the decision dated 21.08.2025, the Commission now reviewed its last observations as follows:-

Instead of

“One of the members of the audit committee also stated that the dispute or mis-understanding amongst the village arose because of the huge amount that came to the Village Council account against the 2 Lane land compensation and the allegedly mis-appropriation of about Rs. 103 crores.”

it will be now read as,

“The applicants(now appellants) also stated that the dispute or mis-understanding amongst the village arose because of the huge amount that came to the Village Council account against the 2 Lane land compensation and the allegedly mis-appropriation of about Rs. 103 crores.”

DECISION

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

1. Shri. Rhosietho Nguori, Deputy Commissioner & FAA, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland shall issue directions to setup an Audit Committee of Kikruma Village Council consisting of the following:-
 - a. the ADC, Pfutsero as the Convenor
 - b. the EAC in charge of Kikruma Village
 - c. the BDO, Kikruma; and
 - d. two (2) members with one (1) member each from the opposing parties co-opted by the Convenor.
2. The aforesaid Audit Committee shall complete the audit within **three (3) months** from the date of issue of this decision i.e. **by the end of February, 2026**. On completion of the audit process, a copy of the audit report shall be furnished to the applicants(now appellants) and to the Commission. In case of any non-cooperation to the Audit Committee, the Commission shall take necessary steps as deem fit.
3. The Audit Committee shall be cease to exist once the audit is completed and submit its report.

The Commission shall declare the case as closed on receipt of the above compliances.

This decision is passed in the presence of only the respondents on 21.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M.

Copies be given to:

1. Shri. Rhosietho Nguori, Deputy Commissioner & FAA, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland, Mobile No. 9612581203.
2. Shri. Puan Khamniungan, NCS, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Pfuetsero, Nagaland, Mobile No. 8787500034.
3. The former Audit Committee of Kikuma Village – Shri. Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, Convenor; Shri. Povezo Puro, Member; Shri. Vethihu Kezo, Member; Shri. Bodelhou Vero, Member; Shri. Vesapra Tunyi, Member and Shri. George Thira, Member.
4. Shri. Thipuzhoyo Thira, Ex-Village Council Chairman, Kikuma; Shri. Duhuta Vero, Ex-Secretary, Kikuma and Shri. Soseyo Yhobu, Ex-Treasurer-cum-VCM, Kikuma.
5. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Netsozü Tunyi, Mobile No. 9612777534 and Shri. Kuthohü Thira, Mobile No. 8131950563.
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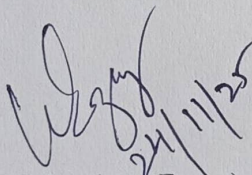
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