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No. NIC/APPEAL-26/2025-26

Dated Kohima, the 20th April, 2026

Subject: - Notice for hearing on 8th May (Friday), 2026 at 12:00 Noon.

WHEREAS, the Commission had received a Second Appeal dated **17.12.2025** from Shri. **Puloto Achumi & Shri. Puloka Zhimomi**, Social Activists, Mobile No. 7005960261/ 7005264681 against the unsatisfactory response of the FAA, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kohima to their First Appeal dated **NIL** which was submitted against the unsatisfactory response of the APIO, Directorate of Industries & Commerce to their RTI application dated **NIL**.

AND WHEREAS, the applicants had submitted a RTI application dated **NIL** along with an application fee of Rs. 10/- addressed to the PIO, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, seeking the following information regarding Individual Weaver Scheme (NHDP): -

1. *Furnish the documents of the Detail Project Report and the sanction letter of the ministry to state.*
2. *Furnish the information of the list of beneficiaries, and the amount sanctioned to each beneficiaries.*
3. *Copies of inspection, reports monitoring reports or inquiry reports (if any) conducted by the state or central agencies regarding the implementation of this scheme.*
4. *Furnish the copy of documents of the work done/Geo-Tag photos as per the list.*
5. *Furnish the details of completion certificate.*
6. *Furnish the names/designation of the officer who processed or monitored the scheme.*

AND WHEREAS, the above RTI application dated **NIL** was received by the APIO on **22.09.2025** as evident on the body of the RTI application however, on not getting any response from the public authority even after lapse of 30 days, the applicants had submitted a First Appeal dated **NIL** addressed to the FAA, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, which was received by the department on **24.10.2025** as evident on the body of the letter.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above First Appeal dated **NIL** on **24.10.2025**, Shri. **Lhoushevikho Lhoushe**, Asst. Director & APIO, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland had, vide letter No. **IND/RTI/07/ (VOL-X) Pt/1207** dated **30.10.2025**, furnished the replies to the applicants.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above information furnished by the APIO, the applicants had submitted another Appeal/Complaint dated **17.11.2025** under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, addressed to the FAA stating that the information furnished by the APIO is *totally false, fabricated and totally random and not corresponding the any physical verification.*

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above Appeal/Complaint letter from the applicants, Shri. **P. Tokugha Sema**, Director & FAA, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland had, vide Order No. **IND/RTI/07/(VOL-X) Pt/1485** dated **16.12.2025**, passed decision as below: -

1. *The present appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 has been filed against the reply furnished by the Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) vide letter*

No. IND/RTI/07/(VOL-X) Pt/1207 dated 30.10.2025 in response to the RTI application which was received by the APIO on 22.09.2025.

2. The appeal, the original RTI application, and the reply furnished by the APIO have been carefully examined.
3. Upon examination, it is observed that the PIO has furnished the information strictly based on records available and held by the public authority, and wherever information was not available on record, the same has been clearly stated.
4. The appeal primarily raises contentions regarding the correctness, authenticity, or veracity of the records, and alleges mala fides and fabrication, without reference to any specific information withheld under the Act. The appellants have also sought action under Section 20 of the RTI Act.
5. Under the RTI Act, 2005, the Appellate Authority is not mandated to verify the correctness or truthfulness of records, conduct inquiries or investigations, or adjudicate allegations of manipulation, mala fides, or irregularity.
6. Therefore, in the absence of any material on record establishing that information has been withheld, or incorrect information has been deliberately furnished contrary to available records, it is found that the APIO has complied with the statutory requirements of the RTI Act by providing all information available and held by the public authority.
7. In light of the above, this appeal is accordingly disposed off with the finding that no violation of the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 is made out in the present case.

AND WHEREAS, on not being satisfied with the decision of the FAA, the applicants (now appellants) had submitted a Second Appeal dated 17.12.2025 to the Commission stating that the above decision of the FAA vide Order dated 16.12.2025 was passed in the absence of the applicants (now appellants) and without any notification for hearing of the appeal.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of the above Second Appeal dated 17.12.2025, the Commission had, vide its directive dated **28.01.2026**, directed the FAA to hear the First Appeal by conducting a hearing of both the parties i.e., the PIO and the applicants (now appellants), within 30 (thirty) days from the date of receipt of its directive and submit a copy of the decision to the Commission for necessary action.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the above directive of the Commission, the FAA had, vide letter No. **IND/RTI/07/(VOL-X) Pt/1945** dated **23.02.2026**, notified the applicants (now appellants) for hearing of the First Appeal dated NIL on **26.02.2026** at **12:30 PM** at the Director's Chamber.

AND WHEREAS, after hearing the concerned parties on **26.02.2026**, the FAA had passed decision vide No. **IND/RTI/07/(VOL-X) Pt/1990** dated **27.02.2026** directing the PIO to rectify the grievances of the appellant along with necessary and updated information if any and furnished to the appellant without delay.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission had, on 30.03.2026, received a letter from the applicants (now appellants) in continuation with their Second Appeal dated 17.12.2025, stating that they were asked to collect the information furnished by the PIO on 16.03.2026 however, even after the remand and subsequent proceedings, the information provided by the PIO remains misleading, fabricated, manipulated, and incomplete.

AND WHEREAS, since the applicants (now appellants) are still not satisfied with the information furnished by the public authority, the Commission has decided to hear the above mentioned appeal by giving opportunity of being heard to all the parties on **8th May, 2026 (Friday)** at **12:00 Noon** in the **Hearing Room of Nagaland Information Commission, Nagaland Commissions' Complex, New Capital Complex, Nagaland, Kohima - 797004**.

NOW THEREFORE, it is notified that the following parties are directed 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. Shri. *P. Tokugha Sema*, Director & FAA, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kohima.
2. The Concerned *PIO*, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. Shri. *Lhoushevikho Lhoushe*, Asst. Director & APIO, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kohima.
4. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. *Puloto Achumi & Shri. Puloka Zhimomi*, Social Activists, Mobile No. 7005960261/ 7005264681.

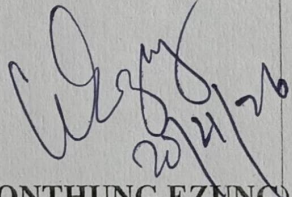
Sd/- **KEVISA KENSE, IAS (Rtd)**
Chief Information Commissioner

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3. The PA to the SIC (C), for kind information of the State Information Commissioner.
4. Shri. P. Tokugha Sema, Director & FAA, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kohima.
5. The Concerned PIO, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kohima.
6. Shri. Lhoushevikho Lhoushe, Asst. Director & APIO, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, Kohima.
7. The Computer Programmer, Nagaland Information Commission for uploading on the website and Notice Board.
8. The applicants (now appellants), Shri. Puloto Achumi & Shri. Puloka Zhimomi, Social Activists, Mobile No. 7005960261/ 7005264681.
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Deputy Secretary