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Chapter I

Introduction

The right to know, one of the critical ingredients of a true democracy, is absolutely essential for the effective exercise of the right of expression. This right is embedded in the Constitution of India under Article 19 (1) (a), 'Right to freedom of speech and expression' and Article 21, 'Right to life'. In order to facilitate citizens' access to information held by Public Authorities, the Right to Information Act, 2005 was enacted by the Parliament.

The objective of the Act is to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every Public Authority by giving citizens the right to seek whatever unrestricted information they desire to obtain. The Act strikes a fine balance between what information ought to be given to the seeker and what ought to be held back. Accordingly, a set of exemptions is listed out under sections 8. Agencies/bodies which are not required to give information are listed under section 24. However, matters pertaining to corruption and violation of human rights are not exempted.

Informed citizenry is an essential requirement for an effective participatory democracy. Effective participation is possible only when a citizen has access to relevant information, especially that information which is held by various organs of the Government. The right of expression can be effectively exercised only when the right to know is safe guarded. The Right to Information Act has emerged as one of the most effective tools for the existence and growth of a vibrant democracy.

A three tier mechanism for disposal of applications and complaints is prescribed by the Act. The Public Information Officer (PIO) at the first level who is responsible for providing the requested information, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) at the second level for deciding the first appeal and the State Information Commission at the third level for deciding and giving appropriate direction to the FAA / PIO of a Public Authority concerned as and when a second appeal or complaint is filed.

During the last *seventeen years*, it is seen that implementation of the Act has been marching forward in ensuring transparency and accountability particularly in Government Departments. The number of applications received with effect from 2006 to 2022 is on the rise each successive year.

The Table below shows the *year-wise disposal of Complaints* by the Commission during the last 17 years

Year	No. of Complaints received	No. of Complaints disposed	No. of Complaints rejected	Remarks
2006	11	9	1	
2007	39	38	13	
2008	37	36	12	
2009	47	45	12	
2010	41	32	7	
2011	31	31	-	
2012	43	39	-	4 nos. carried over
2013	32	32	-	
2014	27	25	-	2 nos. carried over
2015	51	51	-	
2016	40	40	-	
2017	37	37	-	
2018	15	15	-	
2019	10	10	-	
2020	8	8	-	
2021	8	8	-	
2022	29	22	-	7 nos. carried over

The Table below shows the *year wise disposal of Second Appeals* by the Commission during the last 17 years

Year	Total no. of Appeals	No. of Appeals disposed	No. of Appeals rejected	Remarks
2006	6	6	0	
2007	18	18	0	
2008	23	20	0	
2009	37	34	0	3 nos. carried over
2010	17	14	1	2 nos. carried over
2011	13	8	5	
2012	8	4		4 nos. carried over
2013	17	15		2 nos. carried over
2014	14	13		1 no. carried over
2015	15	15	0	
2016	11	11	0	
2017	12	12	0	
2018	4	4	0	
2019	5	5	0	
2020	2	2	0	
2021	4	4	0	
2022	11	11	0	

This Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with sections 25(1) & 25(2) of RTI Act 2005. It shall be laid before the State Legislature by the State Government as soon as practicable in accordance with the provision of section 25(4).

In this report, we have reflected the total number of requests made and disposed of by the Public Information Officers (PIOs), the fees collected, the number of appeals preferred by the appellants (aggrieved with the decision of the Departmental Appellate Authority) and

other relevant matters. The total number of complaints filed by those information seekers who failed to get any response from the PIOs or their applications rejected is also indicated. Some of the important decisions passed by the Commission are incorporated in the report for the benefit of the PIOs and other functionaries dealing with RTI matters. While preparing the report, an attempt has been made to focus on those items required most under various sections of the Act.

The Act empowers citizens to get access to information under the control of the Public Authorities but it also protects them from unscrupulous individuals who seek to misuse the Act by seeking frivolous information which merely serve to harass PIOs or in other cases some applicants use the Act to obtain information to settle personal scores. The RTI Act has served to unearth valuable information achieving great transparency in the functions of Public Authorities. It has considerably helped genuine information seekers who would have otherwise been deprived of their rights. The RTI Act is one of the simplest laws of the Country and the key to its success lies in its simplicity. It assists the genuine information seeker while protecting the bonafide interests of Public Authorities.

The Commission has spared no efforts to redress genuine grievances, however, awareness programmes to educate the Public authorities & citizens is felt very much necessitated in order to achieve the objective of the act, thereby ensuring transparency in the society at large.

Some of the important decisions and orders of the Commissions have been included in this report.

Implementation of *the Right to Information Act 2005* during the year 2022 in the State was by and large smooth.

The Meghalaya State Information Commission is pleased to present to the State Government of Meghalaya this **17th Annual Report** for the period from *1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022*.

Chapter 2

Powers and functions of the Meghalaya State Information Commission

- 2.1. The Meghalaya State Information Commission was constituted vide *Notification No. IPR 48/2005/Pt.11/10 dated 3rd October, 2005* read with *Notification No. IPR 48/2005/52/11 dated 7th October, 2005* with its headquarters at Shillong. The present incumbent, Shri H. Nongpluh, IPS (Rtd.) assumed charge as Chief Information Commissioner on 1st December, 2021.

The Commission derives its powers and functions from the provisions of *The Right to Information Act, 2005*. Section 15 (4) provides that general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the State Information Commission shall vest in the State Chief Information Commissioner, who may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the State Information Commission autonomously, without being subjected to directions by any other authority.

The Act also prescribes that the State Government shall provide the State Chief Information Commissioner with such officers and staff as may be necessary for the efficient performance of his duties and functions under the Act, and the salaries and allowances payable to and the terms and conditions of service shall be such as may be prescribed.

To enable the Commission to function effectively, the following posts have been created and filled up by the State Government.

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of posts sanctioned	No. of posts filled
1.	State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC)	1	1
2.	State Information Commissioner (SIC)	1	1
3.	Secretary	1	1 (by deputation from MCS, part time)
4.	Under Secretary	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
5.	Senior PS to the CIC	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
6.	Superintendent	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat

			Service, full time)
7.	UDA	2	2 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
8.	PA to the CIC	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
9.	LDA	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
10.	Data Entry Operator	1	1 (Appointed by the Commission)
11.	Driver	2	2 (Appointed by the Commission)
12.	Process Server	1	1 (Appointed by the Commission)
13.	Peons	3	1 (one) Appointed by the Commission 2 (two) (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
14.	Chowkidar	1	1 (Appointed by the Commission)

- 2.2. The Commission has no office building of its own. Presently it functions from the temporary accommodation allotted by the State Government on the first floor of the Administrative building located at Lower Lachumiere, Shillong.

The present *official address* of the Commission is:

Meghalaya State Information Commission
New Administrative Building
Lower Lachumiere
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2.3. Nodal Department

The Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department is the nodal department for the Commission. All matters, administrative and financial are taken up and routed

through the nodal department. The Annual Report prepared by the Commission is sent through the nodal department for laying it before the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable.

2.4. Duties

The Commission functions as a statutory body – to hear and adjudicate the complaints and appeals from citizens and to monitor and ensure implementation of the Act at various levels in accordance with the provisions of *The Right to Information Act, 2005* read with *The Meghalaya Right to Information Rules 2005*.

2.5. Powers and duties of the officers and employees of The Meghalaya State Information Commission

Sl. no.	Designation	Powers and duties
1.	State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC), Meghalaya	General superintendence, direction and management of affairs of the Meghalaya State Information Commission, adjudication of Complaints and Second Appeals from citizens and monitoring to ensure proper implementation of the Act at various levels
2.	State Information Commissioner (SIC)	To deal with Complaints and appeals and to sit in a bench with Chief Information Commissioner.
2.	Secretary	Administrative matters of the State Information Commission and overall charge of the office of the Commission. To function as FAA under the RTI Act
3.	Deputy / Under Secretary	Receipt and registration of appeals/complaints and communication of Commission's Orders and jobs assigned by the State Chief Information Commissioner from time to time. To function as PIO under the RTI Act.
4.	Senior PS to the SCIC	Secretarial assistance and any other works assigned by the State Chief Information Commissioner
5.	Superintendent	General superintendence and discipline of office work, to provide assistance to the Secretary
6.	UDA/LDA	To provide secretarial assistance to the Superintendent
7.	Data Entry Operator	To operate and provide computer assistance
8.	Grade IV & Drivers	To perform duties as assigned to them by the Secretary in routine course

2.6. Name, designation and particulars of the Information Officers

Sl. No.	Name of Public Authority	Name & Designation etc. of the Designated Appellate Authority	Name & designation of the PIO
1.	Meghalaya State Information Commission	<p>Smti Doreena Phawa, MCS Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission Phone – 2500179 (Office)</p> <p>Address : Lower Lachau miere East Khasi Hills District Shillong - 793 001 Meghalaya</p>	<p>Smti. Bellina M. Sangma, Deputy Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission Phone – 2500179 (O)</p> <p>Address : Lower Lachau miere East Khasi Hills District Shillong – 793 001 Meghalaya</p>

2.7. Budget & Accounts of the Commission

The budget for the Commission is published in the *Annual Budget Book* of the Government of Meghalaya under *Grant No: 13*, Budget Head of Account “2251-Secretariat Social Services-Non-Plan and State Plan 090-Secretariat (12) Meghalaya Information Commission (RTI Act)-General Area Non-Plan”.

During the financial year 2022-2023 the budget and actual expenditure is as indicated below:

Detailed Head	Budget Head description “2251-Secretariat Social Services- State Schemes 090-Secretariat (12) Meghalaya Information Commission (RTI Act)- General Area “	(In Rupees)
		Budget Provision for 2022 - 2023
01	Salaries	1,50,00,000
02	Wages	15,00,000
06	Medical Treatment	8,00,000

11	Domestic Travel Expenses	7,00,000
13	Office Expenses	10,00,000
14	Rent Rates and Taxes	2,00,000
16	Publications	5,00,000
50	Other Charges	4,94,000
51	Motor Vehicles	20,00,000
Total		2,21,94,000

2.8. Activities undertaken by the Commission during the year

- (i) The main functions of the Commission are to *hear appeals* and to *enquire into the complaints* filed by the aggrieved parties. During the year, the Commission received 29 Complaints and 11 Appeals. From 29 Complaints 22 cases are disposed of and from 11 Appeals all the 11 cases were disposed of. The details of receipt and disposal of Complaints and Appeals are given in Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 respectively.
- (ii) Preparation and publication of the *seventeen Annual Performance Report* of the Commission.

Chapter 3

Disposal of Complaints by the State Information Commission

3.1. Section 18(1) empowers the State Information Commission to receive and inquire into a complaint from any person:

- (a) Who has been unable to submit a request to any Public Information Officer, either by reason that no such officer has been appointed under this Act or because the State Assistant Public Information Officer has refused to accept his or her application for information or appeal under this Act for forwarding the same to the State Public Information Officer or a Senior Officer specified in Sub-Section (1) of section 19 of the Act.
- (b) Who has been refused access to any information requested under this Act.
- (c) Who has not been given a response to a request for information or access to information within the time limit specified under this Act.
- (d) Who has been required to pay an amount of fee which he or she considers unreasonable.
- (e) Who believes that he or she has been given incomplete, misleading or false information under this Act; and
- (f) In respect of any other matter relating to requesting or obtaining access to records under this Act.

While inquiring into such complaints under the above section, the State Information Commission shall have the same powers as that of the Civil Court under the *Code of Civil procedure 1908* in respect of the following matters namely:

- (a) Summoning and enforcing attendance of Persons to give evidence or produce documents;
- (b) Requiring the discovery and inspection of documents;
- (c) Receiving evidence on affidavit;
- (d) Requisitioning any public record or copies thereof from any court or office;
- (e) Issuing summons for examination of witnesses or documents and
- (f) Any other matter which may be prescribed.

During 2022, a total of 29 complaints were received by the Commission and 22 cases were disposed off. The department-wise break up is as given in Table 3.1.1 below.

Table 3.1.1

Department wise receipt and disposal of complaints by the Commission during 2022

Sl. No.	Name of Department / Public Authority	No. of Complaints pending with Information Commission at the end of Last Year	No. of Complaints preferred during the year	No. of Complaints disposed and acted upon	No. of Complaints Disposed and Rejected
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Register of Societies, etc. Shillong	0	1	1	0
2	Commissioner of Labour Department	0	2	2	0
3	Home Political Department	0	1	1	0
4	Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	1	1	0
5	Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong	0	1	1	0
6	Dpartment of Labour, Shillong.	0	1	1	0
7	Personnel & AR(A) Department, Meghalaya Shillong	0	1	1	0
8	Executive Engineer PWD (R) NEC, Khliehriat.	0	1	1	0
9	Syiem of Sohra, Sohra Syiemship	0	1	1	0

10	Superintendent of Police, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	1	1	0
11	Trading Department, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong	0	1	1	0
12	William Carey University, Shillong	0	1	1	0
13	The Sardar Elaka Marbisu Sirdarship, Marbisu, East Khasi Hills District	0	1	1	0
14	Meghalaya Age Ltd. Shillong	0	1	1	0
15	DFO East Khasi Hills and Ri-bhoi (T) Division, Shillong.	0	1	1	0
16	Meghalaya State Pollution Board, Shillong.	0	1	1	0
17	Director of Commerce & Industries, Meghalaya, Shillong	0	1	1	0
18	Dorbar Shnong Lyngkhom, Shella Confederacy	0	1	1	0
19	District School Education Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura	0	1	1	0
20	Social Welfare Department	0	1	1	0
21	Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District	0	1	1	0
	Total	0	22	22	0

Table 3.1.2**Details of the complaints disposed off by the Commission during 2022**

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Complaint/02/2022/	Shri Request Pakma	PIO, O/o the Register of Societies, etc. Shillong.
2	MIC/Complaint/4/2022/	Shri Shaiphor Rani	PIO, O/o the Commissioner of Labour Department.
3	MIC/Complaint/5/2022/	Shri Jade Jeremiah Lyngdoh	PIO, Home Political Department.
4.	MIC/Complaint/6/2022/	Shri S.K. Sharma	P.I.O., O/o The Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills, Jowai.
5	MIC/Complaint/08/2022/	Smti Angela Rangad	PIO, Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong.
6	MIC/Complaint/09/2022/	Smti Angela Rangad	PIO, O/o The Department of Labour, Shillong.
7.	MIC/Complaint/10/2022/	Smti Angela Rangad	PIO, Personnel & AR(A) Department.
8	MIC/Complaint/11/2022/	Smti Angela Rangad	PIO, Labour Commissioner, Shillong.

9.	MIC/Complaint/12/2022/	Shri B. Purkayastha	PIO, O/o the Executive Engineer PWD (R) NEC, Khliehriat.
10.	MIC/Complaint/13/2022/	Shri Rojesh Diengdoh &Others	PIO, Syiem of Sohra, Sohra Syiemship.
11.	MIC/Complaint/15/2022/	Shri Wanbun N. Dkhar	PIO, O/o The Superintendent of Police , West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai
12.	MIC/Complaint/16/2022/	Shri Mekenson Marbaniang	PIO, Trading Department, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong.
13.	MIC/Complaint/19/2022/	Shri Navindra Ray	PIO, William Carey University, Shillong.
14.	MIC/Complaint/21/2022/	Shri Felix Kharshiing	O/o The Sardar Elaka Marbisu Sirdarship, Marbisu, East Khasi Hills District.
15.	MIC/Complaint/23/2022/	Shri JTL Lamare	PIO, Meghalaya Age Ltd. Shillong.
16.	MIC/Complaint/25/2022/	Shri Evanfield Khonglam	PIO, DFO East Khasi Hills and Ri-bhoi (T)

			Division, Shillong.
17.	MIC/Complaint/26/2022/	Shri S.K. Sharma	PIO, Meghalaya State Pollution Board, Shillong.
18.	MIC/Complaint/28/2022/	Shri S.K. Sharma	PIO, O/o The Director of Commerce & Industries.
19.	MIC/Complaint/29/2022/	Shri Kling Syiemlieh Kling & Others	PIO, O/o The Dorbar Shnong Lyngkhom, Shella Confideracy.
20.	MIC/Complaint/31/2022/	Shri Mostafizur Rahman	PIO, O/o The District School Education Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura.
21.	MIC/Complaint/32/2022/	Shri E.M.Jose	PIO, Social Welfare Department.
22.	MIC/Complaint/33/2022/	Shri B. Purkayastha	PIO, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District.

3.2. Reasons for filing of complaints to the State Information Commission

Most of the Complaints lodged with the Commission are due to violation of Section 18 (1) (b).

Table 3.2.1 below gives a picture of the number of complaints filed under different clauses of Section 18 of the Right to Information Act.

Table 3.2.1

Section, Sub-sections and Clauses	No. of Complaints carried over from last year	No. of Complaints filed during the year	Total Nos. of Complaints with the Commission	No. of Complaints disposed	No. of Complaints rejected
.	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) b)	0	22	22	22	0
18 (1) (c)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) (d)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) (e)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) (f)	0	0	0	0	0
Total		22	22	22	0

Chapter 4

Hearing and disposal of Second Appeals by the Commission

- 4.1.** The most important function of the Commission is to receive and hear appeals preferred by the information seekers against the PIOs and decisions of the First Appellate Authorities (FAA).

Section 19 of the RTI Act 2005 provides -

- (1) Any person who, does not receive a decision within the time specified in sub-section (1) or clause (a) of sub-section (3) of section 7 or is aggrieved by a decision of the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, may within thirty days from the expiry of such period or from the receipt of such a decision prefer an appeal to such officer who is senior in rank to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer as the case may be, in each public authority:
Provided that such officer may admit the appeal after the expiry of the period of thirty days if he or she is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time.
- (2) Where an appeal is preferred against an order made by the Central Public Information Officer or a State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, under Section 11 to disclose third party information, the appeal by the concerned third party shall be made within thirty days from the date of the order.
- (3) A second appeal against the decision under sub-section (1) shall lie within ninety days from the date on which the decision should have been made or was actually received, with the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission.
Provided that the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, may admit the appeal after the expiry of the period of ninety days if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time.
- (4) If the decision of the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, against which an appeal is preferred relates to information

of a third party, the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, shall give a reasonable opportunity of being heard to that third party.

- (5) In any appeal proceedings, the onus to prove that a denial of a request was justified shall be on the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, who denied the request.
- (6) An appeal under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall be disposed of within thirty days of the receipt of the appeal or within such extended period not exceeding a total of forty-five days from the date of filing thereof, as the case may be, for reasons to be recorded in writing.
- (7) The decision of the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, shall be binding.
- (8) In its decision, the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, has the power to –
 - (a) Require the public authority to take any such steps as may be necessary to secure compliance with the provisions of this Act, including –
 - (i) By providing access to information, if so requested, in a particular form;
 - (ii) By appointing a Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be;
 - (iii) By publishing certain information or categories of information.
 - (iv) By making necessary changes to its practices in relation to the maintenance, management and destruction of records;
 - (v) By enhancing the provision of training on the right to information for its officials;
 - (vi) By providing it with an annual report in compliance with clause (b) of Sub-section (1) of Section 4.
 - (b) Require the public authority to compensate the complainant for any loss or other detriment suffered.
 - (c) Impose any of the penalties provided under this Act.
 - (d) Reject the application.

During the year, 11 (*eleven*) *Appeals* were received.

The department-wise details of Second Appeals are given in Table 4.1.1 below.

Table 4.1.1

Department-wise receipt and disposal of Appeals by the Commission

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	No. of Appeals pending with the Commission at the end of last year	No. of Appeals preferred during the year	Total No. of Appeals with the Commission	No. of Appeals Disposed	No. of Appeals Rejected
1	William Carey University, Nongmynsong, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
2	Techno Global University, Meghalaya, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
3	CMJ University, Meghalaya, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
4	Director of Higher & Technical Education, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
5	MeECL, Lumjingshai, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
6	District Council Affairs Department	0	2	2	2	0
7	Syiem of Sohra & Dorbar Sohra Syiemship, Sohra	0	1	1	1	0
8	C&RD Department	0	2	2	2	0
9	Revenue and Disaster Management	0	1	1	1	0

	Department					
	Total	0	11	11	11	0

Table 4.2.1

Details and particulars of Second Appeals disposed of by the Commission during the year

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Appellant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Appeal/29/2022/	Shri Kshitiz Uprety	PIO, William Carey University, Nongmynsong, Shillong.
2	MIC/Appeal/30/2022/	Shri Parvesh Kalodra	PIO, Techno Global University, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3	MIC/F.Appeal/32/2022/	.	PIO, CMJ University, Meghalay, Shillong.
4	MIC/S.Appeal/33/2022/	Shri Vivek Kumar	O/o the Director of Higher & Technical Education, Shillong.
5	MIC/Appeal/34/2022/	Shri Curtis Rani	PIO, MeECL, Lumjingshai, Shillong.
6	MIC/Appeal/35/2022/	Shri Tengroang R. Marak	Secretary, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, West Garo Hills District, Tura.
7	MIC/Appeal/36/2022/	Shri Dimimemon Tariang	FAA, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai.
8	MIC/Appeal/37/2022/	Shri Shembhalang Kharwanlang	PIO, Syiem of Sohra & Dorbar Sohra Syiemship, Sohra.
9.	MIC/Appeal/38/2022/	Shri Mustafizur Rahman	PIO, O/o The Block Development Officer Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo

			Hills, Meghalaya.
10.	MIC/Appeal/39/2022/	Shri Shahjol Abedin	PIO, O/o The Block Development Officer Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.
11.	MIC/Appeal/40/2022/	Shri Roy Kupa Synrem	Revenue and Disaster Management Department.

Chapter - 5

Penalties/Compensation and Disciplinary Action:

(Section 20 (1) of the R.T.I. Act, 2005)

5.1. Penalties imposed by the State Information Commission:

The State Information Commission under Section 19 (8) is empowered to impose penalties in accordance with the provisions laid down under the Act. Section 20 (1) of the Act, provides that, “where the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission” as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Information Officer or State Information Officer, as the case may be, has without any reasonable cause refused to receive an application for information or has not furnished the information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of Section 7 malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information it shall impose a penalty of two hundred and fifty rupees each day till application is received or information is furnished so however the total amount of such penalty shall not exceed twenty five thousand rupees.

Provided that the Central Information Officer or the State Information Officer, as the case may, shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before any penalty is imposed on him.

Provided further that the burden of proving that he acted reasonably and diligently shall be on the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer as the case may be.

While exercising the above Power, in every case, the Commission gave an opportunity to the PIO, by issuing a show-cause notice to him/her, asking to explain as to why penalty under Section 20 (1) should not be imposed against him/her for violation of the Provisions of the R.T.I. Act, 2005. After giving them an opportunity of hearing and after detailed examination and consideration of all the papers and documents available and produced before the Commission on record and only when

the Commission is convinced and satisfied that the PIO has contravened the law, that the Commission imposed penalty on them.

The Commission in exercise of the above power has during the year 2022 imposed the following penalties as indicated in Table 5.1.1.

Table 5.1.1
Penalties/Compensation awarded during 2022

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainants/ Appellants	Name of PIO/Public Authorities	Amount of Penalty/ Compensation
1.	MIC/Complaint/31/2021	Shri Request Pakma	DTO, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh	Rs.2,000/- (Penalty)
2.	MIC/Complaint/02/2022	Shri Request Pakma & others	DFO (T), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong	Rs.2,500/- (Penalty)
3.	MIC/Complaint/12/2022	Shri Bidyujyoti Purkayastha	PIO, O/o The Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads) NEC, Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills District	Rs.1,500/- (Penalty)
4.	MIC/Complaint/21/2022	Shri Felix Kharshiing	PIO, O/o The Sirdar Elaka Marbisu Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills District	Rs.3,000/- (penalty)
Total Amount of Penalties imposed = Rs. 9,000/-				

Chapter 6

Highlights of some of the important decisions of the Commission

(Orders passed by the Commission during 2022)

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/27/2021/30

Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli, Jaintia Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO & AO, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council - Respondent

24-01-2022

ORDER

Seen the written statement of PIO & Administrative Officer, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai vide letter No.JHADC/POL/RTI/PT-3/13/2021/11 dated 17th December 2021. The PIO mentioned in the statement that the Second Appeal is premature. However on going through the records the Applicant has not filed the Second Appeal to the Commission, it is actually a complaint against the PIO. The Commission agrees with the contention of the Applicant that he has submitted a complaint to the Commission and the same is treated as a Complaint and not as Second Appeal.

On going through the records it is seen that the First Appellate Authority passed an order vide Memo No. JHADC/GENL/RTI/APPEAL/8/2010/91 dated 5th March 2021. In the order it is clearly mentioned that the application of the Applicant is to be re-examined by the PIO and fresh information in full form to be provided within 30 days from the receipt of the order by the PIO.

The written statement of the PIO clearly indicates that the PIO has not complied with the order of the First Appellate Authority. Further, the PIO asked the Appellant to file fresh application as the queries were vague. The action of the PIO is contradictory as initially the reply to the information was given by the PIO to the Applicant vide letter No. JHADC/POL/RTI/PT/46/2016/74 dated 22nd January, 2021. The contention that the queries were vague is not acceptable as the PIO has earlier replied to the queries,

in the first reply to the Applicant the PIO replied as 'N/A' to many queries, the meaning of which is not clear to the Applicant. The records indicate that the PIO is not aware of the RTI Act in which the PIO is required to give reasons for not giving the information. It is also seen that the PIO has kept the First Appellate Authority in the dark about the action taken on the order of the First Appellate Authority dated 4/3/2021. This is seen from the letter No. JHADC/POL/RTI/PT/46/2016/90/774 dated 6th April 2021 addressed to the Applicant by the PIO and a copy of which was not marked to the First Appellate Authority.

In view of the above, the Commission has taken a serious note on the action taken by the PIO and record indicates that there is no application of mind by the PIO on the request for information and also on the order passed by the First Appellate Authority. The First Appellate Authority is directed to look into the matter as to why the PIO did not comply to the order passed by the First Appellate Authority.

The matter should be disposed off by the First Appellate Authority within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and the Commission should be intimated about the action taken.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/22/2021/7

Smti Christilla M. Marak, West Garo Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, MCAB, Mahendraganj Branch, South West Garo Hills - Respondent

08-02-2022

ORDER

1. Peruse the Letter No. MCAB/HO/ADMN/RTI/2/2021/3342 dated 20.12.2021 from Managing Director and Appellate Authority, Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., addressed to the Under Secretary of this Commission. The Appellate Authority has sent a reply to the Complainant on the information sought by the Applicant. Hence the complaint submitted by Smti Christilla M. Marak is treated as closed.
2. There are issues to be dealt with on the way the RTI application was processed by the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank. The Managing Director and Appellate Authority in his letter, mentioned that the Branch Manager, Mahendraganj Branch, did not receive the RTI application as he was not aware of the RTI Act. This explanation is not acceptable as the RTI Act has come into effect right from 2005, thus for an officer of the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank to feign ignorance of the Act is not acceptable. Further ignorance of the Act cannot be an excuse. The Managing Director and Appellate Authority has mentioned that the act of omission on the part of the Branch Manager is highly regrettable. There was however no indication of any corrective measure taken to set such act right. The mistake if not corrected will be taken advantage of by officers of the Bank. They may also take the same plea that they are not aware of the Act. Hence the Commission directs that the action taken by the Bank to prevent such excuse in future should be indicated and informed to the Commission within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. The concerned Branch Manager should be counselled and any such lapse in the future will be viewed seriously by the Commission.
3. The First Appellate Authority has replied to the information sought by the Applicant vide letter No. quoted above this is not as per provision of the RTI Act. The information should have been supplied to the Applicant by the PIO of the Bank, as this will enable the Applicant to file the First Appeal in case she is not satisfied with

the reply of the PIO. In the instant case the First Appellate Authority has replied, thus leaving no scope for the Applicant to file the First Appeal. The Managing Director cum Appellate Authority should note and this type of lapse should not happen again in future.

4. The name and designation of the PIO of the Bank should be intimated to the Commission. There should be clear instructions to all Branch Managers as to how the RTI applications are to be processed.

Compliance on the above should be intimated to the Commission within 15 days of receipt of this order.

Sd/-
(H.Nongpluh)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/31/2021/6

Shri Request Pakma, Mawlai Nonglum, Shillong. - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, DTO, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh - Respondent

01-03-2022

ORDER

1. The complaint dated 06-12-2021 was received from Shri Request Pakma and was registered.
2. The Complainant, in his complaint mentioned that an RTI application was filed in the office of District Transport Officer, Nongpoh, on 23-09-2021 and no respond was received by him. A show cause notice was issued by the Commission to the PIO and District Transport Officer, Nongpoh, on 13-01-2022 as to why no reply was sent to the Applicant and the date for sending the reply to the show cause was fixed on 27-01-2022.
3. The PIO & District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi, vide letter No.DTO/RB/2005/573/Vol-II/141/205 dated 20th January, 2022 sent the information to the Commission instead of sending reply to the applicant. Further in the last para of letter addressed to the Commission it is mentioned "In the event that you're not satisfied with the information provided by the undersigned and you wish to inspect the documents in hard copy, kindly submit Xerox fees @ Rupees 2/- per copy (Market Rate) for every document that you wish to obtain as per the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005." It appears that the PIO is not aware that the Applicant has to be satisfied or not with the information supplied and not the Commission.
4. The Applicant has submitted application under RTI Act on 23-09-2021. The reply was sent by the PIO on 20-01-2022. That too only after a show cause was issued by the Commission. As per provisions of the RTI Act 2005 the reply should have been sent within 30 days. In this case it should have been sent by 23-10-21. Thus there was delay of 88 days.
5. The PIO cum District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi, should explain the reason for delay and why no penalty should not be imposed as per provisions of the RTI Act 2005. Further explanation should also be given as to why the last para of letter mentioned at

para 3 above is directed to the Commission instead of addressing to the Applicant. The reply to the Commission should be sent on or before 10-03-2022. Hearing on this case will be held on 11-03-2022 at 11.30 A.M in the office of the Commission. The PIO and the Complainant to be informed accordingly.

6. A copy of this order to be sent to the Commissioner of Transport for information and to ensure compliance.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/31/2021/6,

Shri Request Pakma, Mawlai Nonglum, Shillong - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O, DTO, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh - Respondent

11-03-2022

ORDER

Case records put up today.

The PIO cum District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi is present. The Complainant informed over phone that due to unavoidable circumstances he could not appear for the hearing.

The PIO cum District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi vide letter No. DTO/RB/2005/573/Vol-II/141/205 dated 4th March, 2022 replied to the order passed by the Commission dated 01-03-2022 and appeared today for hearing.

1. On the first issue of the letter providing information vide letter No.DTO/RB/2005/573/Vol-II/141/205 dated 4th March, 2022 the PIO explained that it was wrongly addressed to the Commission instead of the Applicant, he assured that such type of lapses will not happen in future and reply/information will be provided to the Applicant with intimation to the Commission whenever it is necessary. The submission made by the PIO cum District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi is accepted.
2. On the issue of delay on reply/providing information to the Applicant the PIO cum District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi made a plea that he was not aware of the pending application under RTI Act which was submitted on 22-09-2021 as he joined as District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi, Nongpoh on 01-10-2021. The submission by the PIO, District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi, may be true that he was not aware about the RTI application but it is not acceptable for the office to keep the RTI application pending without bringing to the notice of the PIO. The same would have remained pending but for the Show Cause issued by the Commission and there has been a delay of 88 days. The Commission is inclined to

take a lenient view in the matter and imposed fine of Rs.2,000/- (two thousand) as the PIO, District Transport Officer, Ri-Bhoi, has recently been promoted to the post. However he is to ensure that such type of lapses do not happen in future. The amount of Rs.2,000/- should be deposited by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India under the Head of Account “0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – 1 under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by the Commission” within 30 days and the Commission should be informed.

3. In view of the delay in reply to the Complainant the copies if any required by the Applicant should be given to him free of cost.

With the above orders the complaint stand disposed.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/04/2022/31

Shri Shaiphar Rani, Jaiaw Laitdom, Shillong. - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO O/o The Commissioner of Labour Department, Shillong. - Respondent

19-04-2022

ORDER

1. The complaint dated 14th March 2022 was received from Shri Shaiphar Rani alleging that his RTI Application dated 14th December 2021 was not responded to by the PIO, office of Commissioner Labour, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong. The Commission vide letter No. MIC/Complaint/4/2022/3 dated the 21st March 2022 issued show cause to the PIO, office of the Commissioner of Labour, Shillong. The PIO vide letter No.LC/MSIC-47/2022/2160 dated the 31st March, 2022 informed that reply to the request for the information was sent to the Applicant vide letter No.RTIA(SR)-46/2022/2143 dated 21st March, 2022.
2. The Commission observed the following:
 - i. The Application for information was submitted on 14-12-2021 and the reply to the same was sent on 21-03-2022. As per provisions of the RTI Act 2005 the reply should have been sent within 30 days that is by 14th January, 2022. Hence there was a delay of over 2 months after the expiry of time fixed by the Act.
 - ii. The PIO, office of Labour Commissioner forwarded the Application for information to PIO office of Director Employment and Craftsmen Training on 20th December 2021 and later vide letter No.LC/RTIA/20/2005/Pt-IV/563 dated 24th January, 2022 requested the PIO, Director of Employment and Craftsmen Training to return the Application. The RTI Application was later sent to the PIO, office of the Chief Inspector of Boiler & Factories vide letter No. LC/RTIA/20/2005/Pt-IV/563 dated 11th February, 2022. The PIO, office of Chief Inspector of Boilers & Factories returned the Application vide letter No.FBM-132/2007/Pt-II/205-06 dated 23rd February, 2022 informing that their office do not have the required information.

- iii. The PIO, office of Labour Commissioner, it appears is not conversant with the RTI Act 2005 and kept on sending the Application to different offices which caused unnecessary delay. The Application should have been transferred as per Section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The applicant was not properly informed about his RTI Application which led to his complaint to the Commission.
3. In view of the above, let this order be sent to the Labour Commissioner, Meghalaya, Shillong to educate the PIO about the implementation of the RTI Act 2005 and also on how to process RTI Applications. Section 20(1) RTI Act provides for penalty in case the information is not provided within the time as specified under Sub Section (1) of Section 7 RTI Act 2005. The Commission will not condone such delay in future and penalty will be imposed as per provisions of the RTI Act 2005.
4. In view of the above the present complaint is treated as closed.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/5/2022/14

Shri Jade J Lyngdoh, Jowai, Laitumkhrach, Shillong. - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, Home (Political) Department. - Respondent

07-04-2022

ORDER

1. The Second Appeal was filed by Shri Jade J Lyngdoh dated 8th March, 2022 alleging that the PIO and the First Appellate Authority of Home (Political) Department did not respond to the application n'\ for information. In this case there was no reply from the PIO and the First Appellate Authority, hence the Second Appeal is treated as a Complaint and registered.
2. A show cause notice was issued to the PIO, Home (Political) Department, with a copy to First Appellate Authority Home (Political) Department, vide this Commission letter No.MIC/Complaint/05/2022/11 dated 23rd March, 2022. The Deputy Secretary and PIO Government of Meghalaya, Home (Political) Department) vide letter No.POL.152/2018/101 dated 29th March, 2022 informed the Commission that reply has been furnished to the Applicant vide letter No.HPL.119/2018/103 dated 28th March, 2022. The quick response of the PIO is appreciated in providing information to the Applicant after the notice was issued by the Commission.
3. However the reason for not responding to the original application and First Appeal of Shri Jade J Lyngdoh is not convincing as the Applicant filed his application and First Appeal in the RTI online portal but the application did not reach the PIO and First Appellate Authority. The online portal is meant to facilitate the applications for information. In this case it has become a hindrance as the application did not reach the concerned PIO and First Appellate Authority. Therefore, the Commissioner & Secretary, Personnel Department, should look into the matter and a system has to be put in place so that the RTI applications filed in the RTI online portal reaches the concerned PIO/First Appellate Authority without any delay. The action taken to streamline the system of filing RTI in the online portal and the mechanism put in place to make sure that such application reaches the concerned officers may be intimated to the Commission.

4. Henceforth any explanation by any PIO/First Appellate Authority that the application filed through the online portal did not reach them will not be accepted by the Commission.
5. In view of the above the instant complaint is treated as closed.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/04/2022/31

Shri Shaiphar Rani, Jaiaw Laitdom, Shillong. - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO O/o The Commissioner of Labour Department, Shillong. - Respondent

19-04-2022

ORDER

1. The complaint dated 14th March 2022 was received from Shri Shaiphar Rani alleging that his RTI Application dated 14th December 2021 was not responded to by the PIO, office of Commissioner Labour, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong. The Commission vide letter No. MIC/Complaint/4/2022/3 dated the 21st March 2022 issued show cause to the PIO, office of the Commissioner of Labour, Shillong. The PIO vide letter No.LC/MSIC-47/2022/2160 dated the 31st March, 2022 informed that reply to the request for the information was sent to the Applicant vide letter No.RTIA(SR)-46/2022/2143 dated 21st March, 2022.
2. The Commission observed the following:
 - i. The Application for information was submitted on 14-12-2021 and the reply to the same was sent on 21-03-2022. As per provisions of the RTI Act 2005 the reply should have been sent within 30 days that is by 14th January, 2022. Hence there was a delay of over 2 months after the expiry of time fixed by the Act.
 - ii. The PIO, office of Labour Commissioner forwarded the Application for information to PIO office of Director Employment and Craftsmen Training on 20th December 2021 and later vide letter No.LC/RTIA/20/2005/Pt-IV/563 dated 24th January, 2022 requested the PIO, Director of Employment and Craftsmen Training to return the Application. The RTI Application was later sent to the PIO, office of the Chief Inspector of Boiler & Factories vide letter No. LC/RTIA/20/2005/Pt-IV/563 dated 11th February, 2022. The PIO, office of Chief Inspector of Boilers & Factories returned the Application vide letter No.FBM-132/2007/Pt-II/205-06 dated 23rd February, 2022 informing that their office do not have the required information.

- iii. The PIO, office of Labour Commissioner, it appears is not conversant with the RTI Act 2005 and kept on sending the Application to different offices which caused unnecessary delay. The Application should have been transferred as per Section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The applicant was not properly informed about his RTI Application which led to his complaint to the Commission.
3. In view of the above, let this order be sent to the Labour Commissioner, Meghalaya, Shillong to educate the PIO about the implementation of the RTI Act 2005 and also on how to process RTI Applications. Section 20(1) RTI Act provides for penalty in case the information is not provided within the time as specified under Sub Section (1) of Section 7 RTI Act 2005. The Commission will not condone such delay in future and penalty will be imposed as per provisions of the RTI Act 2005.
4. In view of the above the present complaint is treated as closed.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/09/2022/50

Smt Angela Rangad - Complainant

- Vrs -

The PIO O/o The Department of Labour, Shillong. - Respondent

16-06-2022

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The hearing today is on the complaint dated 12-05-2022 submitted by Smti Angela Rangad. The complaint is on two issues namely (a) delay in supplying the information with appropriate penalties (b) illegal denial of the right to inspection and information by PIO, Labour Department, Government of Meghalaya.
2. Shri B.Hajong, FAA cum Secretary office of the Department of Labour, Meghalaya Shillong and Smti I.Majaw, PIO & Deputy Secretary office of the Department of Labour, Meghalaya, Shillong appeared. Smti. Angela Rangad Complainant appeared along with Shri Tarun Bhartiya as her Assistant. The brief of the case is that on 6th April 2022 a complaint was received from Smti Angela Rangad mentioning that she did not get any response to the RTI Application filed by her with the PIO, Department of Labour. In the complaint it was also mentioned that the First Appeal was filed to the First Appellate Authority on 31-03-2022. The Commission vide order 26-04-2022 issued a show cause to the PIO for not responding to the Application filed by the Complainant under RTI Act 2005. The First Appellate Authority was also directed to take action on the First Appeal filed by the Complainant dated 31-03-2022.
3. The First Appellate Authority cum Secretary, Labour Department vide order dated 29th May 2022 disposed off the First Appeal filed by the Complainant dated 31-03-2022 indicating the reasons for delay by the PIO to respond to the RTI application. Thus the First Appeal was disposed off within the prescribed time limit.
4. The request for information by the Complainant was submitted on 17th February 2022 through the RTI portal and the reply was furnished by the PIO on 12-04-

2022. Thus there was a delay of 25 days by the PIO to reply as per time limit fixed under RTI Act.

5. The Complainant in the hearing submitted that there was no reply from the PIO to the request for information submitted by her which led to her submission of the complaint to the Commission dated 06-04-2022 and the First Appeal to the First Appellate Authority dated 31-03-2022 as she was aggrieved by the delay.
6. The PIO, Labour Department submitted that the delay was due to the technical issues regarding logging in to the RTI portal and thus the Application could only be accessed on 24-03-2022. The submission of the PIO was supported by Shri B.Hajong, First Appellate Authority.
7. The Commission had earlier noticed that there were issues regarding access to applications for information filed through the RTI portal. The Commission directed the Commissioner & Secretary, Personnel & A.R Department to take corrective measures. The Commission was informed by the Commissioner & Secretary, Personnel & A.R Department that the corrective action has been taken.
8. In view of the circumstances as indicated above the Commission is inclined to take a lenient view for the instant case and condone the delay of 25 days. However, henceforth the department should ensure that the application for information under RTI Act filed through portal should be downloaded and processed immediately. The Commission will not accept any delay in future whether technical or otherwise and will impose penalty as prescribed in the Act.
9. With regards to the complaint regarding “illegal denial of the right to inspection and information by PIO, Labour Department, Government of Meghalaya” the First Appellate has already passed order dated 30-05-2022.
10. In view of the above the instant complaint is treated as closed.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/21/2022/18

Shri Felix Kharshiing - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, O/o The Sirdar Elaka Marbisu Sirdarship, EKHD. - Respondent

10-08-2022

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The hearing was fixed today as per order dated 22-07-2022 passed by the Commission. The Departmental Appellate Authority namely Smti. S.Saiborne, Land and Elaka Administration, KHADC, the PIO Shri C.Marwein, KHADC and the Complainant Shri Felix Kharshiing were present. The Sirdar Elaka Marbisu was not present and no intimation was received by the Commission as to why he could not appear today.
2. The Complainant made a submission that the RTI application was filed by him on 18-11-2021 and the reply was furnished to him on 01-07-2022 thus there was a delay of more than 6 months.
3. The PIO informed that he was appointed as PIO on 24-05-2022 and the previous PIO has written to the Sirdar Marbisu Sirdarship on 13-01-2022 asking for the information. The reply of the Sirdar Marbisu dated 28-06-2022 was received on 01-07-2022 and the applicant was accordingly informed on 01-07-2022. The present PIO took the plea that he was not aware of the pending RTI application as the previous PIO handed over the case to him much later. This explanation is not acceptable as the present PIO while taking over should have checked regarding the pending RTI Application. He further contended that the Sirdar Marbisu Sirdarship is also the PIO, however there is no document to support this claim. Further in case the Sirdar Marbisu Sirdarship has been nominated as PIO the correct procedure would have been for the previous PIO to transfer the RTI application to the Sirdar within 5 days as per Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005. This was not done, instead information was sought from the Sirdar vide letter dated 13-01-2022. There is nothing on record to show that the Sirdar was reminded of the pending reply from him. Thus there has been delay over 6 months in reply by the PIO to the Applicant.

4. The Departmental Appellate Authority in her submission pointed out that the First Appeal was received in office of Secretary Executive Committee on 21-02-2022. But the same was marked to her on 28-06-2022, there is no proper explanation as to why there was so much delay in marking the paper from the office of the Secretary Executive Committee to the Departmental Appellate Authority. She further informed that she forwarded the Appeal to the PIO. The Departmental Appellate Authority did not perform her duty as the First Appellate Authority but simply forward the Appeal to the PIO which is not correct She did not find out as to why the First Appeal reached her after a gap of more than 4 months from the office of the Secretary.
5. The Commission noted of the above submissions and it is clear that there has been delay of more than 6 months after the expiry of the mandatory 30 days as prescribed under RTI Act 2005. The Act under Section 20 clearly provides for penalty for such delay however the Commission take a lenient view and impose penalty of Rs.3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) instead of the maximum penalty prescribed, due to the fact that there were many procedural gaps while processing the RTI Application. The amount should be deposited by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India under the **Head of Account “0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – 1 under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by the Commission”** within 20 days and the Commission should be informed accordingly.
6. The Sirdar Elaka Marbisu did not appear and also no intimation was received from him. The Secretary Executive is directed to enquiry into the matter and submit report to the Commission as to why the Sirdar Marbisu refused to honour the notice served by the Commission. Further he is also directed to find out as to why the paper which reached his office on 21-02-2022 was sent to the Departmental Appellate Authority on 28-06-2022 and corrective steps should be taken so that such lapses did not occur in future.

Sd/-
(H.Nongpluh)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/26/2022/15

Shri S.K Sharma, Guwahati. - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board. - Respondent

22-11-2022

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The First Appellate Authority Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board did not appear inspite of the notice issued to him. The PIO namely Shri Nainamalai, IFS, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board along with one staff appeared. The Complainant namely Shri S.K Sharma did not appear and he intimated the Commission that he was not in good health.
2. The PIO narrated the history of the case as follows:
 - (i) An RTI application was received from Shri S.K Sharma dated 6-06-2022 along with application he enclosed an IPO of Rs 100 (Rs 90 is for photo copy and Rs 10 is the fees for RTI application). The information was sent to the Applicant on 23rd June 2022 by ordinary post. The Complainant has indicated that he has not received the said reply and he filed an Appeal to the First Appellate Authority dated 25th July 2022. The reply to the same was sent again by the PIO vide letter No.MPCB/TB-954-RTI(B)JH(Vol-II)/2022-2023/11 dated 4th August, 2022. The second reply was also sent by ordinary post. The Complainant finally approached the Commission vide letter No.MIC/Complaint/26/2022/10 dated 28th September, 2022.
 - (ii) The deposition made by the PIO clearly indicated that the communications were sent to the applicant by ordinary post. Hence there is no way to verify if the letters has either been sent or received by the Applicant. The lapse could have been corrected when the Applicant filed an appeal with the First Appellate Authority. However the same was not properly dealt with and again the letters were sent by ordinary post. The Commission further noted that the First Appellate Authority is the Chairman Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board. However the first appeal was dealt with by the PIO which clearly indicates the lack of knowledge about the duties and responsibilities of PIO

and First Appellate Authority. The Commission directs the Chairman cum First Appellate Authority, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board to educate the officers and staffs dealing with RTI Application on the issue and action taken should be reported to the Commission.

- (iii) As mentioned above there is no way to verify whether the letters and information supplied by the PIO has reached the Complainant as they all were sent by ordinary post. The Commission therefore directs the PIO to send all the letters and copies of information by registered post with acknowledgment due, within 3 days and compliance should be intimated to the Commission. Further the Applicant has submitted Rs 100 for fees and photo copying charges. The PIO should send a proper receipt to the Applicant for the amount.

3. In view of the above, the present complaint is treated as closed.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Complaint/32/2022/33

Shri E.M Jose - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, Social Welfare Department - Respondent

21-12-2022

ORDER

1. The hearing for instant case was held on 19th December 2022. The First Appellate Authority namely Shri Pravin Bakshi, IAS and the PIO namely Smti Nabon myrboh were present, the Appellant Shri E.M Jose had intimated that he would not be able to attend and nominated Smti Agnes Kharshiing to represent him. Accordingly Smti Agnes Kharshiing was present.
2. The brief of the case was that Shri E.M Jose filed an RTI Application with the PIO, Social Welfare Department requesting for a copy of the enquiry report of the Independent Inquiry Commission headed by Justice (retd) Mool Chand Garg.
3. The PIO informed the Applicant that the information could not provided as per Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act. The Applicant filed the First Appeal with the First Appellate Authority on the refusal of the PIO to provide the information. The First Appellate Authority vide order dated 20-10-2022 confirmed the order of the PIO stating that the investigation by Assam Police is yet to be completed and also the Enforcement Directorate, Government of India is also conducting enquiry on the matter. Hence the inquiry report could not be given to the applicant as per provision of Section 8(1)(h) of RTI Act.
4. Smti Agnes Kharshiing reiterated the point made by Shri E.M Jose while filing the Second Appeal stating that the Government as per news paper the report has assured that the copy of the enquiry report will be provided to the elected representatives. She contended that if the report can be given to the elected representatives then why should it be denied under RTI Act. She further added that the report should be made public as it concerns public interest. The investigation mentioned by the PIO and the First Appellate Authority are conducted by Agencies from outside the State. As such the enquiry report will not hamper those investigations.

5. The PIO and the First Appellate Authority maintained that the investigation by Assam Police on the same issue is pending and similarly enquiry under the provision of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 by the Enforcement Directorate, Government of India is also pending thus making the enquiry report public at this stage will hamper the process of the two ongoing investigations.
6. The Commission in its order dated 01-12-2022 directed the First Appellate Authority to submit details to support their claim regarding the ongoing investigations. The First Appellate Authority vide letter No.SW(S) 49/2021/Pt/26 dated 15th December, 2022 submitted the details. It is seen that there is no update from Assam Police regarding progress of investigation by them. The Enforcement Directorate vide letter No.F.No. ECIR/SGSZO/01/2021/606 dated 12-08-2022 had requested for a copy of the enquiry report and the same was sent to them by Social Welfare Department vide letter No. SW(S) 49/2021/PT/15 dated 8th September, 2022.
7. The above clearly indicates that there was no correspondence between Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya and Assam Police regarding the progress of the investigation. Similarly, the report was sent to Enforcement Directorate, Government of India on 08-09-2022 and there was no update from them regarding the progress of their enquiry. The First Appellate Authority could not confirm on the issue of whether the enquiry report was circulated to the elected representatives and assured the Commission that the information will be sent the next day on 20-12-2022. The information was received from Deputy Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, Social Welfare Department vide No. SW (S) 49/2021/Pt/27 dated 20th December, 2022 wherein it is indicated that as per records the report of the Enquiry Commission was not circulated to any public representative so far.
8. The contention of the PIO and the First Appellate Authority is that the enquiry report will be given to the Applicant only after confirming that making the report public will not hamper the ongoing investigation which is also as per provision of Section 8(1)(h) of RTI Act 2005.
9. In view of the above, the Commission directs the First Appellate Authority and the PIO to correspond with Assam Police and Enforcement Directorate to get the status of investigation by them. The same should be done immediately and the Commission should be informed within one month about the outcome. At this

juncture Smti Agnes Kharshiing objected and suggested that the time limit of one month should be reduced. However on hearing the PIO and the First Appellate Authority and considering the number of holidays in between and that both the Agencies are not of the State Government. The Commission is inclined to give one month time for the First Appellate Authority and PIO to get the required information from Assam Police and Enforcement Directorate and make submission to the Commission accordingly

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Appeal/37/2022/9

Shri Shembhalang Kharwanlang, - Appellant

- Vrs -

PIO, Syiem of Sohra & Durbar, Sohra Syiemship, Sohra - Respondent

11-07-2022

ORDER

1. An Appeal was received from Shri Shembhalang Kharwanlang vide letter No. DKS/GAD/01/2020/96 dated 24th June, 2022 stating that the information requested by him from the PIO, office of Syiem Sohra was not supplied to him inspite of order passed by Departmental Appellate Authority dated 18-04-22 conveyed vide Memo. No. DC.XXVII/Genl/RTI(Appeal)/37/ 2022/12(a) /293 dated 2nd May 2022.
2. The brief of the case is that the Applicant filed an RTI with the PIO, office of Syiem of Sohra vide his application No.DKS/HS/05/2022/19 dated 09-02-2022. The office of Syiem of Sohra denied the information on the ground that the office of the Syiem is not under the purview of the RTI Act 2005. The Applicant then filed an Appeal with the Departmental Appellate Authority, KHADC vide letter No. DKS/DC/51/2022/38 dated 11th March 2022. The Appellate Authority accordingly passed an order dated 18-04-2022 directing the PIO of the office of the Syiem Sohra to furnish the information, however from the letter of the Applicant dated 24th June 2022 it appears that the PIO is yet to comply with the order of the Departmental Appellate Authority.
3. The Commission observed that the Departmental Appellate Authority in the last paragraph of the order mentioned that “In the event the Public Authority Syiem of Hima Sohra fails to comply, the Appellant is at liberty to approach the Meghalaya State Information Commission (MSIC) for redressal”. The Departmental Appellate Authority should ensure that the PIO carries out the order passed by him. There is no scope for Appeal in the Commission when the order of the Departmental Appellate Authority is not complied with by the PIO. The Second Appeal is available to the Applicant in case he is not satisfied with the order of the Departmental Appellate Authority. In this case the Appellant has not indicated dissatisfaction with the order of the Department Appellate Authority rather he is appealing for implementation of the order of the Departmental Appellate Authority.

4. In view of the above, the Commission directs the Departmental Appellate Authority to ensure that the order passed by him is complied with by the PIO and he should not allow the PIO to defy his order. He should ensure that the PIO comply with the order within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.
5. This order should be sent to the Secretary, Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, for necessary action to ensure compliance by the PIO and the same should be done within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

Sd/-
(**H.Nongpluh**)
C.I.C.

No.MIC/Appeal/36/2022/54

Shri Dimimemon Tariang, West Jaintia Hills District, - Appellant

- Vrs -

FAA, JHADC, Jowai - Respondent

30-08-2022

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The Appellate Authority namely Smti E.Shylla, Secretary Executive Committee, JHADC, the present PIO Smti Friedamaslyne Lathong and the previous PIO Shri B.Mulieh, Revenue Officer, JHADC appeared. The Appellant Shri Dimimemon Tariang did not appear but later after the hearing started and was proceeding for half an hour a lady entered the hearing room claiming to represent the Appellant. She informed that she is a practicing lawyer. Rule 7(4) of the Right to Information (Appeal & Procedures of the State Commission) Rules 2007 prohibits Appellant/Complainant to be represented by a Legal Practitioner.
2. The Commission in compliance with the Rules, refused to allow the Legal Practitioner to represent the Appellant. Further the Appellant did not inform in advance that he had authorized a Legal Practitioner to represent him. It is also noted that in the previous hearing dated 30-05-2022 the Appellant did not appear and no information was received from him regarding his inability to appear. Further Rules 7 (2) of the rules quoted above allows the Appellant not to be present during the hearing. Hence the hearing continued after the lady who is a Legal Practitioner left the Hearing Room.
3. The instant case came up for Hearing on 30-05-2022 on the Second Appeal of Shri Dimimemon Tariang. The Commission passed an Order directing the Appellate Authority to re-examine the entire issue and pass order accordingly.
4. In compliance with the order of the Commission the First Appellate Authority conducted hearing on 23-06-2022 and passed an order accordingly. The Appellant was not satisfied with the order passed by the Appellate Authority hence the instant appeal.
5. The brief of the case is that on 27-01-2022 the Appellant filed an RTI application with the PIO O/o Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council the Applicant requested for Land Holding Certificate and supporting documents of 4 (four) persons. The PIO supplied the information regarding the three Land Holders but declined to give information on the land holding of Smti. Chilina Surong on the ground that it relates to personal

information. The PIO requested the land holder namely Smti Chilina Surong if the land documents can be given. She informed the PIO vide Letter dated 18-02-2022 that she is not willing to give the land holding document under RTI. The applicant was aggrieved by the decision of the PIO and filed the First Appeal to the First Appellate Authority vide Letter No.DT/2022/RTI-Appeal/1 dated 3rd March 2022. The First Appellate Authority passed an Order No. JHADC/GENL/RTI/APPEAL/8/2010/105 dated 31st March 2022 upholding the decision of the PIO that the information sought is exempted under Section 8 (1)(j) of RTI Act 2005. The Applicant was not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority and hence approached the Commission with the Second Appeal vide Letter No. DT/2022/RTI-Appeal/4 dated 27th April 2022 and during the hearing on 30-05-2022 it could be made out that the First Appellate Authority and the PIO did not examine the case properly. Hence a direction was given to re-consider the whole issue. The First Appellate Authority passed an order No.JHADC/GENL/APPEAL/8/2010/113 dated 23rd June 2022 after conducting hearing.

6. The Appellant was not satisfied with the Order of the First Appellate Authority dated 23rd June 2022 and again filed the Second Appeal with the Commission vide Letter No. DT/2022/RTI-Appeal/6 dated 28th July 2022.
7. The Issues to be considered are :
 - (i) The reasons for supplying the information regarding three land holders and not giving the information relating to Smti. Chilina Surong.
 - (ii) The Land Holding Certificate issued by the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council relates to personal information and exemption as provided in Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act can be applied.
8. On the issue as to why the land holding certificate of three persons were given by the PIO to the Appellant, the First Appellate Authority in Para 2 of the Order dated 23-06-2022 clearly stated that an error was committed by the PIO for supplying the information.
9. On issue No.2 regarding the claim that the information requested relates to personal information and no public interest is involved and would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy. In order to understand the procedure involved in issuing of land holding certificate, Shri B.Mulieh, the then PIO and Revenue Officer was asked to explain the process involved. He stated that any person requesting for land holding certificate makes an application to the Revenue Department of JHADC submitting the proof of ownership of the land and the details of the neighbouring land owners. The Revenue Officer

published a notice namely 'Jingpynbna' to all concerned regarding the inquiry and survey of the land. The notice clearly indicates the name of the land, elaka, the adjacent land holders. The 'Jingpynbna' clearly mentioned "Da kane la pynbna Paidbah" which means that it is an open and public notice, where the details of the landowners and neighbours are clearly mentioned. The Officers of the Revenue Department on the basis of the notice conduct physical verification taking the traditional head, neighbouring land holders into confidence. The notice further mentioned that any one can file, objections, claims etc within 7 days from the date of inspection/verification. On completion of these formalities and if the land is clear from any complaint/objection etc. the land holding certificate is issued to the applicant. The above procedure was confirmed by the present PIO namely Smti. Friedamaslyne Lathong which was also agreed to by the First Appellate Authority namely Smti. Enek Shylla.

10. On going through the above procedure it is very clear that the land holding certificate was issued after wide publicity, an open inquiry by the Officer of the Revenue Department in which any one can be present and ask about the details of the land during the enquiry. Hence to claim that the land holding certificate and information relating to it is personal information is not correct as the same was not kept secret or confidential at any stage, rather wide publicity was given. Hence the claim of the PIO and the First Appellate Authority that it is personal information and it cause unwarrant invasion of privacy to individual does not hold good. The Central Information Commission in the case of Mr. Surender Pal Singh Vrs Gncetd Delhi vide case No.CIC/SAQ/A/2014/000462 gave a ruling that information on land holdings should be displayed by the Registering Authority.
11. In view of the above the Commission directed the PIO to give information on the application and land holding certificate of Smti Chilina Surong to the applicant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. However the applicant in his application for information mentioned other supporting documents. The Commission will not be able to decide on those documents as the applicant did not mention clearly what are those documents. Hence the applicant may submit to the PIO again indicating clearly what are those supporting documents if he so desire.
12. In view of the above the instant case is disposed off.

Sd/-
(H.Nongpluh)
C.I.C.

Chapter 7

Implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in the State during 2022

- 7.1** The Right to Information Act 2005 requires all the Government Departments to collect the relevant information from all the Public Authorities under their control and to furnish the same to the State Information Commission for preparation of the Annual Report for the year. The data contained in the Tables are compiled from the reports provided by the public authorities of the Government Departments. The data indicated in the Tables may not reflect the complete picture, due to the fact that some Departments did not submit the relevant information called for by the Commission. The list of defaulters is given in Table 7.6.1.

According to Section 25 (2) of the R.T.I. Act 2005, each Ministry or Department shall in relation to the public authorities within their Jurisdiction collect and provide such information to the Central Information or State Information Commission as the case may be, as is required to prepare the report under the section and comply with the requirements concerning the furnishing of that information and keeping of records for the purpose of this Section.

The Commission observes that inspite of the above legal provisions there are many Government Departments which are hesitant to comply with the direction of the Commission.

**7.2 Disposal of information requests by the Public Information Officers
{Section 25 (3) (a)}**

During the year 2022 a total number of 3659 requests were received by the Public Information Officers of those public authorities who have so far furnished their reports. 18 numbers of requests were carried over from the previous year; hence the total number of requests available with the PIOs for disposal is 3677. Out of these, 3634 requests were disposed of by the PIOs during the year which is about **96.91** %.The remaining requests have been carried over to the next year for disposal. The total number of requests rejected and deemed to have refused by the PIOs were

28 which is approximately about 0 % from the total number of requests received in the year 2022 by the PIOs.

7.2.1 Disposal of information requests by Public Information Officers/Public Authorities

Reporting Year: 2022

Sl. No	Name of Departmental Public Authorities	No. of requests pending at end of last year	No. of requests received during the year	Total No. of requests	No. of requests disposed	No. of requests rejected	No. of requests deemed to be refused: Sec. 7(2)	% of cases access to information denied
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Agriculture							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
2	Arts & Culture							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	AH&Vety.							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH & Vety.	0	28	28	28	0	0	0
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
4	Border Areas Development							
	Secretariat Deptt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
5	CM Secretariat							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	29	29	29	0	0	0
6	Cabinet Affairs							
	Secreatriat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
7	C & R D							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	16	16	16	0	0	0
	Directorate of C & R D	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	5	5	5	0	0	0

	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara							
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura							
	Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawpat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynew	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block	0	10	10	10	0	0	0

	Development Officer, Mawphlang							
	Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	16	16	16	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Songsak	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	3	3	3	0	0	0

	Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Amlarem	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ranikor	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dalu							
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Umling	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Wapung	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Laskein	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dadengre	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Gambegre	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Resubelpara	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Samanda	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cooperation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Warehousing Corporation							
	MECOFED Ltd.	1	2	3	1	0	0	0
	MSHF Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Rural Tourism Cooperative Federation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	District Council Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	KHADC	7	43	50	48	0	0	0
	JHADC	1	53	54	54	0	0	0
	GHADC	0	46	46	46	0	0	0
10	Education							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	54	54	54	0	0	0
	DHTE	1	108	109	109	0	0	0
	DEPT	4	29	33	33	0	0	0
	MBOSE	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	DSEL	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
11	Elections							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	Deputy Commissioners							
	SDO (Election)							
12	ERTS							
	Secretariat. Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	21	21	21	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	10	10	10	0	0	0

13	Finance							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Directorate of Small Savings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	13	13	12	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Finance (AF)	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Food & Civil Supplies							
	Sectt. Deptt.	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	58	58	54	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Forest & Envir.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(CC, R & T) Shillong	0	24	24	24	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) Shillong	0	34	34	34	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	0	25	25	25	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	1	16	17	17	0	0	0
	Conservator of	1	54	55	55	0	0	0

	Forests (WL), Tura							
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	1	136	137	137	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	0	37	37	37	0	0	0
16	Fisheries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	17	17	17	0	0	0
17	GAD							
	Office Estate Officer	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
18	Home (Police)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	0	613	613	612	0	1	0
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
20	Home (Prisons)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
21	Home (Passport)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & F.W.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	48	48	48	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	129	129	129	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing							
	Commissionerate of Food Safety	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
23	Housing							

	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	4	4	3	1	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	35	35	35	0	0	0
25	Information & Public Relations							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
26	Information Technology & Communication							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
27	Law							
	Law (A)	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
28	Labour							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Office of the Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	0	10	10	9	1	0	0
29	Mining & Geology							

	Secretariat Deptt.	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	49	49	45	4	0	0
30	Planning							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	`	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	MEDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
31	Personnel							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	4	4	4	0	0	0

	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	79	79	79	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
	DC WestJaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	22	22	22	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	DC East Garo Hills	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
	DC South Garo Hills	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	MPSC	0	155	155	148	7	0	0
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	MATI	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	DC EastJaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	13	13	13	1	1	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Sohra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mairang							
	SDO (C) Amlarem	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Public Services Delivery Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
33	PHE							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	108	108	108	0	0	0
34	Power							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	17	17	17	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	1	15	16	10	0	1	0
35	Printing & Stationery							

	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
36	P.W.D.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	22	22	22	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	42	42	42	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	EE PWD (R)	0	44	44	44	0	0	0
37	Parliamentary Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
40	SAD							
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
42	Social Welfare							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	21	21	21	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	26	26	26	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for	0	2	2	1	1	0	0

	Women							
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (Boys) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
43	Soil & Water Conservation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
44	Department of Textiles							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Transport							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	28	28	28	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	MTC	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Secretary State Transport Authority	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	91	91	91	0	0	0
46	Tourism							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	26	26	26	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
47	Urban Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	39	39	39	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	MUDA	0	30	30	30	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board							

	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Smart City Limited	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department							
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	24	24	24	0	0	0
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	84	84	72	12	0	0
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	90	90	89	1	0	0
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan,	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
53	Water Resources Department	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Total:	18	3659	3677	3634	28	3	0

Nota Bene : NA = (Information) Not Available

Table 7.2.2 below indicates *the year wise disposal of requests* during the last seventeen years

Table 7.2.2

Year	Total no. of requests	No. of requests disposed	No. of requests rejected
2006	310	291	28
2007	537	492	10
2008	360	335	2
2009	676	652	4

2010	836	816	4
2011	1074	1051	7
2012	1289	1231	16
2013	1625	1546	30
2014	1816	1770	23
2015	2663	2601	6
2016	2132	2049	1
2017	5231	5150	81
2018	2611	2531	69
2019	3357	3225	67
2020	2644	2529	115
2021	2328	2305	23
2022	3677	3634	28

7.3. Disposal of First Appeals by the Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA)

Section 19 (1) provides “Any person who does not receive a decision within the time specified in Sub Section 11 (1) or Clause (a) of Sub-section (3) of Section 7, or is aggrieved by a decision of the Central Public Information Officer, or State Public Information Officer as the case may be, may within 30 days from the expiry of such period or from the receipt of such a decision prefer an appeal (First appeal) to such officer who is senior in rank to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer as the case may be in each public authority.”

During the year, 165 appeals were preferred before the Departmental Appellate Authority (FAA) in the form of First Appeals under Section 19 (1) of the Act.

The disposal of the appeals by the First Appellate Authorities is given in Table 7.3.1

Table 7.3.1 Disposal of First Appeals by the First Appellate Authorities

(Reporting Year: 2022)

Sl. No	Name of Departmental Public Authorities	No. of First Appeals pending with Appellate Officers	No. of First Appeals preferred during the year	Total No. of appeals with Appellate Officers	No. of First Appeals disposed	No. of First Appeals rejected	% of First Appeals rejected	No. of First Appeals pending for more than 45 Days
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Agriculture							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arts & Culture							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	A.H.&Vety.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH&Vety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Border Areas Development							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	CM Secretariat							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
6	Cabinet Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	C&RD							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of C&RD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara							
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura							
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawpat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Shella- Bhologanj	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawphlang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Songsak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Amlarem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dalu							
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Umling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Wapung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Laskein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dadengre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Gambegre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Samanda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cooperation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSHF Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Rural Tourism Cooperative Federation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	District Council Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	JHADC	1	20	21	21	0	0	1
	GHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Education							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	16	16	16	0	0	0
	DEPT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DSEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Elections							
	Secretariat Dept.							
	Deputy Commissioners							
	SDO (Election)							
12	ERTS							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Finance							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Small Savings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Food & Civil Supplies							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	6	0	6	6	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Forests & Envir.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(CC, R & T) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
16	Fisheries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	GAD							
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Home (Police)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	0	27	27	27	0	0	0
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Home (Prisons)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Home (Passport)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & FW							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing							
	Commissioner of Food Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Housing							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries							

	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Information & Public Relations							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Information Technology & Communication							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Law							
	Law (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Labour							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	0	10	10	9	1	0	0
29	Mining & Geology							
	Secretariat Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
30	Planning							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC East Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MPSC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MATI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	DC East Jaintia Hills District , Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Division Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Sohra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mairang							
	SDO (C) Amlarem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Public Services Delivery Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
33	PHE							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
34	Power							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Transmission Corporation Limited							
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
35	Printing & Stationery							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	PWD							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	1	1	2	0	0	0	1
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	EE PWD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	Parliamentary Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	SAD							
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & Y.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Social Welfare							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (Boys) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP)) I/c Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Soil & Water Conservation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Department of Textiles							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture and Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Transport							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secretary State Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	Tourism							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Urban Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MUDA	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board							
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Smart City Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department							

	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Water Resources Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	8	157	165	162	1	0	2

Nota Bene: NA = (Information) Not Available

Table 7.3.2 below indicates *the year wise disposal of first appeals* by the Departmental Appellate Authorities during the last seventeen years

Table 7.3.2

Year	No. of First Appeals received	No. of First Appeals disposed	No. of First Appeals rejected
2006	21	20	1
2007	108	106	2
2008	23	23	0
2009	39	39	0
2010	42	36	6
2011	94	94	Nil
2012	118	117	1 no. carried over
2013	78	66	No. of disposals include

2014	123	120	pending ones of the previous year
2015	122	131	
2016	112	154	
2017	239	237	2
2018	77	71	6
2019	138	125	21
2020	191	164	27
2021	131	128	3
2022	165	162	3

7.4 Information requests rejected by the Public Information Officers/Public Authorities

Section 7 (1) empowers the Public Information Officer to reject the request for information for any of the reasons specified under sections 8 and 9 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The number of requests rejected by the PIOs/Public Authorities is indicated in the Table 7.4.1 below.

Table 7.4.1 Reporting Year: 2022

Sl. No	Name of Department/ Public Authorities	Total No. of requests rejected	No. of requests rejected Section 8	No. of requests rejected Section 9	No. of requests rejected Section 11	No. of requests rejected Section 24	No. of requests rejected Other Sections
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Agriculture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Marketing Board, Shillong						
2	Arts & Culture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	AH&Vety.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH&Vety.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Border Areas Development						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	CM Secretariat						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Cabinet Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	C&RD						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of C&RD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara						
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura						
	Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0

Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project Director East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawpat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawkynrew	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mylliem	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawphlang	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Songsak	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Amlarem	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dalu						
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Umling	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Wapung	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Development Officer, Laskein						
	Block Development Officer, Dadengre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Gambegre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Samanda	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cooperation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperarive Apex Bank Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Rural Tourism Cooperative Federation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	District Council Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	JHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Education						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DERT	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0

	DSEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Election						
	Secretariat Deptt.						
	Deputy Commissioners						
	SDO (Election)						
12	ERTS						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Finance						
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Small Savings	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC1) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Food & Civil Supplies						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Forest & Envir.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(CC, R & T) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Fisheries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	GAD						
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Home (Police)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	2	1	0	0	1	0
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	0	0	0	0	0

20	Home (Prisons)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Home (Passport)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & FW						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH& FW)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing						
	Commissionerate of Food Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Housing						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Information & Public Relations						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Information Technology & Communication						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Law						
	Law (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Labour						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme						
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	1	1	0	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology						
	Secretariat Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	4	4	0	0	0	0
30	Planning						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEDC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment,	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council,	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Governance						
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel						
	Personnel & AR(A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC East Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MPSC	7	7	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MATI	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	1	1	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Sohra	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mairang						
	SDO (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Amlarem						
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dalu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Public Services Delivery Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political						
	Secretariat Dept.	1	1	0	0	0	0
33	PHE						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Power						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Corporation Limited						
35	Printing & Stationery						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	PWD						
	Secretariat. Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CEPWD(R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CEPWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CEPWD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	EE PWD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	Parliamentary Affairs						
	Secretariat Dett.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dte. Land Records & Survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	SAD						
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Social Welfare						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner for	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Person with Disabilities						
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (Boys) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Soil & Water Conservation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Department of Textiles						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0

	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Transport						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	Tourism						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Urban Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MUDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board						
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Smart City Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology						

	Department						
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Meghalaya High Court	12	0	0	0	0	12
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	5	0	0	0	0	5
51	Governor's Secretariat Raj Bhavan, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Water Resources Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	33	15	0	0	1	17

Nota Bene : NA = (Information) Not Available

7.5. Amount of fees & other charges collected by each Public authority

A total amount of Rs.1,03,094.00 was collected by the Public Information Officers/Public Authorities in the form of fees and charges during 2022. Out of which an amount of Rs.10,405.00 was collected under Section 4(4), being the cost of the printed materials in which form the information was provided; an amount of Rs.27,499.00 is collected being the application fees collected under Section 6(1); an amount of Rs.35,446.00 was collected under Section 7(1) being the cost of the photo copies made; an amount of Rs. 10,683.00 was collected under section 7(5) being the cost of information provided in electronic format and an amount of Rs.19,061.00 collected as miscellaneous charges by Public Information Officers and Public Authorities.

The details of fees and other charges collected department-wise during the year are indicated in Table 7.5.1 below.

Table 7.5.1

Summary of Costs, Fees & Charges collected by Public Authorities

Reporting Year : 2022

Sl. No.	Name of Departments/ Public Authorities	Cost Collected Section 4(4)	Fee Collected Section 6(1)	Fee Collected Section 7(1)	Fee Collected Section 7(5)	Other charges collected (specify)	Total Collection
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Agriculture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	70	112	0	0	182
	Directorate of Horticulture	48	20	16	0	12	96
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arts & Culture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	AH&Vety.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH&Vety	0	170	1130	0	0	1300
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	10	0	0	0	10
4	Border Areas Development						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	30	151	50	0	231
5	C.M.Secretariat						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	210	0	0	0	210
6	Cabinet Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	500	0	0	0	500
7	C&RD						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	30	0	54	0	84
	Directorate of C&RD	0	40	38	0	0	78
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	136	0	0	0	136
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	20	0	430	0	450
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	204	0	0	0	0	204

	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara						
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura						
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	10	0	0	10	20
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	146	146
	Project Director, East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawpat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynew	0	0	20	0	20	40
	Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	10	825	0	0	0	835
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	20	116	0	0	136
	Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawphlang	0	1163	0	0	0	1163
	Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	52	30	1817	0	0	1899

Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	0	110	2473	0	0	2583
Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	1390	0	0	0	1390
Block Development Officer, Pynursla	60	100	0	0	0	160
Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	50	0	0	0	50
Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	120	0	0	0	120
Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	100	0	0	0	100
Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	20	0	0	2460	2480
Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	0	543	0	0	543
Block Development Officer, Songsak	476	30	0	0	0	506
Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	40	0	0	692	732
Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	30	0	0	0	0	30
Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	0	474	0	0	474
Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	110	0	1023	0	1133
Block Development Officer, Amlarem	0	10	0	0	1002	1012
Block Development Officer,	0	20	0	0	0	20

	Bajengdoba						
	Block Development Officer, Ranikor	0	20	0	0	560	580
	Block Development Officer, Dalu						
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Block Development Officer, Umling	0	40	12	0	0	52
	Block Development Officer, Wapung	0	70	0	0	0	70
	Block Development Officer, Laskein	0	30	0	0	0	30
	Block Development Officer, Dadengre	0	20	1817	0	0	1837
	Block Development Officer, Gambegre	0	810	0	0	0	810
	Block Development Officer, Resubelpara	0	30	4100	0	0	4130
	Block Development Officer, Samanda	75	0	0	0	0	75
	Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cooperation						
	SecrectariatDeptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	10	0	0	0	10
	MSHF Coop:Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0

	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Rural Tourism Cooperative Federation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	District Council Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1292	0	0	0	1292
	KHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	JHADC	140	710	2548	250	0	3648
	GHADC	0	440	1526	0	0	1966
10	Education						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	190	0	0	0	190
	DHTE	10	510	110	89	0	719
	DERT	0	30	12	0	0	42
	MBOSE	0	50	0	0	0	50
	DSEL	0	180	1002	0	0	1182
11	Election						
	Secretariat Deptt.						
	Deputy Commissioners						
	SDO (Election)						
12	ERTS						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	130	44	0	0	174
	Commissioner of Excise	0	120	0	0	0	120
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	200	34	0	10	244
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	40	0	0	0	40
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Finance						
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	60	0	0	26	86
	Directorate of Small Savings	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Finance (PR) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	0	50	0	0	0	50
	Finance (AF)	0	20	2	0	0	22
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Food & Civil Supplies						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	190	1527	0	0	1717
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Forest & Envir.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	30	0	0	0	30
	Conservator of Forests(CC, R & T) Shillong	0	0	0	56	0	56
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) Shillong	0	70	364	0	0	434
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	0	30	0	0	0	30
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Tura	0	60	842	0	0	902
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	0	530	1456	0	0	1986
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	0	50	0	0	500	550
16	Fisheries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	60	1008	1508	0	2576
17	GAD						
	Office Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Officer						
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	10	0	0	0	10
18	Home (Police)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	130	30	0	0	0	160
	Director General of Police	40	2664	0	0	162	2866
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	0	20	0	0	20
20	Home (Prisons)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	20	0	0	0	20
21	Home (Passport)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & FW						
	Secretariat Deptt.	20	0	0	0	0	20
	DHS (MI)	240	486	10	0	0	736
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing						
	Commissioner of Food Safety	0	10	0	0	0	10
23	Housing						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	20	50	0	0	70
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	95	10	0	0	0	105
24	Commerce & Industries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	150	618	0	0	768
25	Information & Public Relations						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	20	0	0	0	20

26	Information Technology & Communication						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	30	0	0	0	30
27	Law						
	Law (A)	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Law (B)	0	20	2	0	0	22
28	Labour						
	Secretariat Deptt.	20	0	0	0	0	20
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsman Training	0	40	0	0	0	40
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer, Employees State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	30	0	0	0	0	30
	Labour Commissioner	40	0	0	0	0	40
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	1708	1708
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	340	0	0	300	640
30	Planning						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEDC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Council of Science &	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Technology & Environment						
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel						
	Personnel & AR(A)	0	80	0	0	0	80
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	40	74	0	0	114
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	182	4478	0	0	1631	6291
	DC Ribhoi District	0	170	539	0	0	709
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	160	71	0	0	231
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	110	3774	136	0	4020
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	100	0	0	0	100
	DC East Garo Hills	0	190	0	0	0	190
	DC South Garo Hills	0	20	0	0	0	20
	MPSC	0	450	0	654	0	1104
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MATI	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills	0	0	106	0	0	106

	District						
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	30	0	0	0	30
	DC North Garo Hills	95	60	34	0	0	189
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	60	0	0	92	152
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Sohra	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mairang						
	SDO (C) Amlarem	0	0	0	0	135	135
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	20	0	0	0	20
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	10	0	1373	0	1383
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	95	0	0	0	0	95
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	30	0	0	0	30
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dalu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Public Services Delivery Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	120	0	206	0	326
33	PHE						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	1503	304	152	3286	4425	9670
34	Power						
	Secretariat Deptt.	20	0	0	0	0	20
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	0	0	1588	0	0	1588
	Meghalaya Power	4682	20	468	0	0	5170

	Distribution Corporation Limited						
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	0	80	0	756	0	836
35	Printing & Stationery						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	292	30	0	0	0	322
36	PWD						
	Secretariat Deptt.	20	0	0	0	0	20
	CEPWD(R)	0	0	0	0	80	80
	CEPWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	2780	2780
	CEPWD (B)	0	70	0	0	1624	1694
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	20	354	0	0	374
	EE PWD (R)	0	70	0	0	22	92
37	Parliamentary Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	10	0	0	0	10
39	Revenue & Disaster Management						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	54	256	0	0	310
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	10	0	0	0	10
40	SAD						
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	10	0	0	0	10
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs						

	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	90	0	428	0	518
42	Social Welfare						
	Secretariat Deptt.	182	70	0	0	0	252
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	120	456	0	0	576
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	110	0	0	0	0	110
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	10	10	1596	0	0	1616
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	30	0	10	0	0	40
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (Boys) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (Girls) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Soil & Water Conservation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	40	30	0	0	70
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	0	80	764	0	0	844
44	Department of Textiles						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture &	0	40	0	0	0	40

	Weaving, Department of Textiles						
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Transport						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	152	0	0	0	152
	Commissioner of Transport	0	7	256	0	0	263
	MTC	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	0	40	0	0	0	40
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	1170	0	0	0	1170
46	Tourism						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	130	0	0	424	554
	MTDC Ltd.	0	40	614	0	0	654
47	Urban Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	40	0	0	0	40
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	1404	2655	0	0	0	4059
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	100	0	0	0	100
	Jowai Municipal Board	10	4	4	4	0	22
	MUDA	0	9	116	0	0	125
	Tura Municipal Board	0	50	0	0	0	50

	Williamnagar Municipal Board	40	0	0	0	0	40
	Resubelpara Municipal Board						
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	88	0	0	88
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Smart City Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department						
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	0	0	0	240	240
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	350	0	0	0	350
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	30	0	0	0	30
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	0	40	0	0	0	40
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Water Resources Department	0	50	102	380	0	532
	Total	10405	27499	35446	10683	19061	103094

Nota Bene: NA = (Information) Not Available

7.6. The data presented in Tables 7.2.1, 7.3.1 and 7.4.1 may not reflect the complete picture of the RTI activities that had taken place during the year as some Public Authorities have failed to comply with the legal requirement to furnish the relevant information for the Annual Report. Table 7.6.1 below indicates the names of such defaulting Public Authorities.

Table 7.6.1 below shows the names of the Departments and Public Authorities who failed to furnish the requisite information for incorporating the same in the Annual Report 2022.

Sl.No.	Name of the Department	Name of the Defaulter Public Authority
1.	C & RD	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara
		Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura
2.	Elections	Secretariat Deptt.
		Deputy Commissioners
		SDO (Election)
3.	Health & Family Welfare Deptt.	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing
4.	Urban Affairs	Resubelpara Municipal Board

Chapter 8

Key initiatives undertaken by some Government Departments and Public Authorities in implementing the RTI Act, 2005

(Record management, computerization & networking, suo moto disclosures, etc.)

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Sl. No.	Name of Departments/ Public Authorities	Key initiatives undertaken during the year / Remarks
1	2	3
1	Agriculture	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Agriculture	Nil
	Directorate of Horticulture	Computerization of records being done wherever possible.
		Assigning an officer of the office as Public Information Officer to address needs of the Public in relation to RTI matters.
		Reply was provided as per the request tendered by the person concerned.
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board	Nil
2	Arts & Culture	
	Secretariat Department	1. Efforts have been made by the Department to dispose off the applications received as early as possible.
		2. Separate Register being maintained for all RTI related records.
		3. Computerised – RTI applications disposed off by the Nodal Officer through RTI Portal.
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	1. Separate Register being maintained for all RTI related records.
		2. Computerised.
3	AH&Vety.	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of AH&Vety	All efforts are made to provide the information under RTI (Right to Information) Act within the stipulated time period.
	Directorate of Dairy Development	Nil
4	Border Areas Development	
	Secretariat Deptt.	1. Detail records on the implementation of Schemes, office expenditures and other official related matters is maintained in an organized manner.
		2. As far as practicable, official records are computerized.
		3. Pro-active disclosure is made in the form of displaying the list of schemes implemented in the Notice Board of the Office for public information are displayed in office notice board and separate office file is being maintained.
		4. Files and records pertaining to implementation of schemes under BADP and ISBADP are available and maintained in the

		office.
		5. Suo Moto disclosed by displaying various schemes undertaken by the Department in the Notice board for Public Information.
		6. Feedback is given and will always be ready to support Appellate Authorities on any matter concerning the Department with regards to implementation of the RTI Act.
		7. Voluntary Organizations and other NGOs are encouraged to use the RTI Act, 2005 for any matter or grievance with regard to schemes or Department.
		8. Information displayed on office Notice Board for public Awareness. Records from office is being made readily available to general public, conducting social audits annually etc.
		9. Implementation of schemes published through notice board records are readily available for inspection compilation and networking yet to be done.
		10. The office has put up the list of schemes along with the amount sanctioned in the office notice board and has also been uploaded in the website for public scrutiny.
	Directorate of Border Areas Development	1. Detail records on the implementation of Schemes, office expenditures and other official related matters is maintained in an organized manner.
		2. As far as practicable, official records are computerized.
		3. Pro-active disclosure is made in the form of displaying the list of schemes implemented in the Notice Board of the Office for public information are displayed in office notice board and separate office file is being maintained.
		4. Files and records pertaining to implementation of schemes under BADP and ISBADP are available and maintained in the office.
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5	CM Secretariat	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil

6	Cabinet Affairs	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
7	C&RD	
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil
	Directorate of C&RD	Nil
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Record Management.
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	Nil
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	All RTI applied by the applicants were disposed with 30 days.
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Nil
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	Applicant applied by giving fees seeking information and relevant information given within 30 days.
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Nil
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	Nil
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Nil
	Project Director, East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Mawpat	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynew	Record Management.
	Block Development Officer, Shella-Bholaganj	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	Record Management.
	Block	Record Management.

Development Officer, Mawlai	
Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	Record Management.
Block Development Officer, Mawphlang	Record Management, Computerization of office records and correspondences.
Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	Record Management.
Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	Record Management.
Block Development Officer, Sohiong	Nil
Block Development Officer, Pynursla	Record Management, Register maintained accordingly by the Office of PIO/BDO.
Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	Nil
Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	Nil
Block Development Officer, Mairang	Nil
Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	All requests have been replied according to RTI Act.
Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	All the required information were furnished within time limit.
Block Development Officer, Songsak	Nil
Block Development Officer, Chokpot	Nil
Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	Nil
Block	Nil

	Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	
	Block Development Officer, Jirang	Record Management, Computerization.
	Block Development Officer, Umsning	Most of the Central Schemes and State Schemes are uploaded online through respective portal.
	Block Development Officer, Amlarem	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Ranikor	Public Awareness
	Block Development Officer, Dalu	
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Umling	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Wapung	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Laskein	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Dadengre	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Gambegre	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Resubelpara	Record Management
	Block Development Officer, Samanda	Nil
	Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	Ri-Muliang C&RD Block is a newly created Block which was inaugurated on the 22.11.2022
8	Cooperation	
	SecretariatDeptt.	Nil

	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Pro-active mechanism has been put in place for dissemination of information as and when required.
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Proper record management process is in place. The accounts of the Corporation etc. are computerized.
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	On 22.2.2022, a video conference was conducted by the bank for all its Branch Managers on the RTI Act, 2005 and accordingly their role as Asstt. PIOs was highlighted for necessary action as contemplated in the said Act.
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil
	Meghalaya Rural Tourism Cooperative Federation Ltd.	Nil
9	District Council Affairs	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	KHADC	Nil
	JHADC	Nil
	GHADC	Nil
10	Education	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	DHTE	Nil
	DERT	Updated content with regards to Directorate on Sou muto disclosures on 23.02.2022.
	MBOSE	Records are maintained in the RTI file.
	DSEL	Nil
11	Elections	
	Secretariat Deptt.	
	Deputy Commissioners	
	SDO (Election)	
12	ERTS	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil
	Commissioner of Excise	Nil

	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil
13	Finance	
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil
	Directorate of Small Savings	Nil
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	Nil
	Finance (EC1) Department	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil
	Finance (PR) Department	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Department	Necessary steps have been taken to provide the Information within the stipulated time as per provision of the Act.
	Finance (AF)	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Necessary step has been taken to provide the information within the stipulated time as per provision of the act.
	Finance (Budget)	Nil
	Finance (ECII)	Nil
14	Food & Civil Supplies	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Prompt Disposal of RTI.
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	RTI applications are disposed of in time.
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	Nil
15	Forest & Envir.	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Conservator of Forests (CC, R & T) Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicant.
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	Forests(HQ) Shillong	
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicant.
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicant.
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Tura	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicant.
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicant.
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicant.
16	Fisheries	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Fisheries	Nil
17	GAD	
	Office Estate Officer	Nil
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare	Nil
	GAD (B)	Nil
	GAD (A)	1. Necessary steps have been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act. 2. Maintenance of Record management of RTI Register for quick disposal of information.
18	Home (Police)	
	Secretariat Department	Nil
	Director General of Police	Prompt action and disposal of RTI queries were being replied and addressed to the applicant within the stipulated time frame. As mandate section 4 of the Act, various information has been uploaded in the official website for the benefit of the general public. This district has access to Online RTI Portal of RTI Meghalaya, and therefore, all online RTI Applications are processed and replied accordingly. The initiative is to submit the reply to the concerned authority in a stipulated time bound period. To dispose RTI application at the earliest. Effort was made to improve record keeping and to start Suo Moto disclosure of information like displacing of some information on the offices Notice Boards, Facebook Page, Twitter and Instagram so that information was properly pressure and general public can have access to information display. All information sought has been replied accordingly. All efforts being made to ensure that all queries under the Act are

		addressed to within the stipulated time without any unnecessary delay(s).
		All informations were promptly replied and addressed to.
		Efforts is on to fully implement the RTI Act.
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil
20	Home (Prisons)	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Inspector General of Prisons	Records maintained and recorded in the Register.
21	Home (Passport)	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
22	Health & FW	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	DHS (MI)	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil
	DHS ®	Nil
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	
	Commissionerate of Food Safety	Nil
23	Housing	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Housing	Care has been taken for Proper Record Management and Networking has improved the smooth and transparent disclosure of information.
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil
	D.C. Housing	Nil
24	Commerce & Industries	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Nil
25	Information & Public Relations	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of IPR	Nil
26	Information Technology & Communication	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
27	Law	
	Law (A)	Suo motu disclosure of information under Section 4 (1)(b) with regard to handbook of RTI and details of Officers and Staff of Law (A) Department

		<p>was published in the Departmental website meglaw.gov.in. Separate handbook published for Law (A) and Law (B) Department. Information such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Particulars of the organization (Law Department), Functions and Duties of the Department. – Powers and Duties of Officers and Staff – et cetera.
	Law (B)	Nil
28	Labour	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	<p>1) Framing and uploading Citizen's Charter in the Directorate's Web Portal.</p> <p>2) Framing of Result Framework Document.</p>
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	Nil
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Material required information has been supplied to NIC Department for creation of Department website to comply with Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005 in which the same is under process.
	Labour Commissioner	Nil
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	The office has procured a computer and printer and this will help in providing information of any matter required by the Public.
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	Uploading of Queries/Replies under the RTI Tab in the MSSDS Website – in progress.
29	Mining & Geology	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Record, management are maintained in a register.
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Record, Management Computerization and net working is still going on.
30	Planning	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Any matter relating to RTI are given top most priority.
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	Nil
	M.E.D.C.	Nil
	Bio. Resource Development Centre, Shillong	Nil
	State Council of Science &	RTI Act implemented as per rule, Record management – maintained,

	Technology & Environment	Computerization & Networking Sou Muto disclosure etc.
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	1. Construction of Digital Planetarium at NEHU Tura (on going). 2. Several online workshops were conducted during the year. 3. Several programmes were conducted during the year. 4. Development of Maths Kits. 5. Participation in programmes conducted by other Institutions.
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	Nil
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	Nil
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	On going.
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	Nil
	Science & Technology Cell	RTI Act implemented as per rule, Record management – maintained, Computerization & Networking Sou Muto disclosure etc.
	District Planning Officer	Any matter relating to RTI are given top most priority and are disposed off immediately. Regarding basic information (under Sou Muto disclosures) are updated from time to time in the official website of the District through the DIO of the District. Proactive disclosure of information under Section 4(1) B of the RTI Act, 2005. Brief introduction in respect of this office was uploaded in the district's website by NIC, Jowai such as: (a) Aims and objectives (b) Functions (c) Details of First Appellate Authority, PIO & APIO (d) Schemes & Programmes implementing by this Office All schemes implemented by the office were published through District Website, Newspaper, DIPR, AIR & BDO's. Nothing in particular worth mentioning.
	Planning (Research)	Nil
31	Personnel	
	Personnel & AR(A)	The Department conducted the meeting with all Departments on the 10 th of February 2022 which was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, to discuss the matter on Sou motu disclosures under Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. Arising from the discussions, all Departments were instructed to update the RTI Manual in the State RTI online portal (megrti.gov.in) and to appoint a Nodal Officer for ensuring compliance with Section 4 of the RTI Act.

Personnel & AR (B)	Nil
Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	1. Maintenance of reservation Roster - Compiling under process. 2. Preparation for regularization Roster - Compiling under process.
DC Ri Bhoi District	Nil
DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	1. Files & records pertaining to implementation under SCA are available and maintained in the Office. 2. Sou moto disclosed by displaying various Schemes undertaken by the Department in the Notice Board for public information. 3. Feedback is given and will always be ready to support Appellate Authorities on any matter concerning the Department with regards to implementation of the RTI Act. 4. Voluntary Organisations and other NGOs are encouraged to use RTI Act, 2005 for any matter or grievance with regard to Schemes or Department. 5. Reply as sorted. 6. The PIO has taken various initiative while disposing the information to the RTI seekers. This includes timely disposal of the request and other reasonable assistance etc., that are required by the RTI seekers.
Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills	Proactive disclosure of information under Section 4 (1) B of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Sou moto disclosures will be sent to DIO, Nongstoin to display in the District Website for document registered by this Office for the reporting year 2022.
DC West Garo Hills, Tura	Information are disposed timely.
DC East Garo Hills	Nil
DC South Garo Hills	Nil
MPSC	Nil
Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil
Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	All information related to the Department can be traced at http://megrti.gov.in .
MATI	1) Training on RTI Act, 2005 has been conducted at MATI for the Govt. Employees of all the Districts of Meghalaya on 12 th , 15 th , 25 th July 2022 and 25 th November, 2022. 2) Training on Online Portal of the RTI Act, 2005 has been conducted at MATI campus with effect from 10 th to 13 th May 2022 for the Nodal Officers, PIOs, APIOs and Officials handling RTI of the Directorates and other Administrative Departments of the Govt. Of Meghalaya. 3) Training of Trainers (TOT) on RTI Act, 2005 has also been conducted at MATI campus for the Govt. Employees of Head of Departments (HoDs) of Govt. Of Meghalaya with effect from 19 th & 20 th October, 2022.
DC South West Khasi Hills District	Nil
DC East Jaintia	Nil

	Hills District, Khliehriat	
	DC North Garo Hills	1. Online mode of RTI application. 2. Timely disposed of RTI application both online and offline application.
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Computerize/manual recording of RTI were maintained by the respective Branch, PIO/APIO o/o the Deputy Commissioner, South West Garo Hills, Ampati.
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil
	SDO (C) Mairang	
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	Most of the information generally sought are put on the official website or the Notice Board which generally reduces the RTI applications. All the departmental schemes and follow up action on different schemes are uploaded in the Departmental Website and kept in public domain for easy access of information for the general public.
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	Nil
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	Nil
	SDO (C) Pynursla	Nil
	SDO (C) Chokpot	Nil
	SDO (C) Ranikor	Nil
	SDO (C) Dalu	Nil
	SDO (C) Rongjeng	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil
	DC Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang	Nil
	Meghalaya State Public Services Delivery Commission	Nil
32	Political	
	Secretariat Deptt.	All information requested by applicants have been provided.
33	PHE	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Chief Engineer	Transparency. Necessary informations have been displayed in the office notice board with regard to tender notice etc. Information regarding implementation of scheme/projects have been fed online. Information were provided to RTI activist as per the requirement.
34	Power	

	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	MSERC	Nil
	MNREDA	Only one (1) RTI application received during the year 2022.
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	Online reply to applicants where ever accessible.
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Nil
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	RTI replies have taken up in top priority with urgency to dispose off the cases within the stipulated dates either by email or by hand. Name of Appellate Authority and PIOs are uploaded/updated in the MeECL website from time to time.
35	Printing & Stationery	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	1. The Directorate have procured machine like High speed Digital Printer, Variable Data Printers, heavy duty lamination machines, etc. to improve the printing activities in terms of speed, production, quality and also in security printing of Barcode to prevent duplication. 2. Printing of Voters slip and dummy ballot in Braille format during election for the differently abled blind electorates of the state.
36	PWD	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	CEPWD(R)	Nil
	CEPWD (NH)	Nil
	CEPWD (B)	Nil
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil
	EE PWD (R)	Nil
37	Parliamentary Affairs	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	Nil
39	Revenue & Disaster	

	Management	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil
	Directorate Land Records & Survey	Land Records Management.
40	SAD	
	SAD (A)	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil
	SAD (N)	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil
41	Sports & Youth Affairs	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Sports & YA	Nil
42	Social Welfare	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Efforts are made by the department to ensure that RTI matters are disposed off on time.
	Directorate of Social Welfare	1. Records of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
		2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
		3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
		4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	1. Records of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
		2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
		3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
		4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
	State Commission for Women	1. Records of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
		2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
		3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
		4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	1. Records of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
		2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
		3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
		4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
	State Commission	1. Records of requests for information and disposal of requests are being

for Protection of Child Rights	maintained in the Registers.
	2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
	3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
	4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
District Social Welfare Officer	1. Records of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
	2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
	3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
	4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
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	2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
	3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
	4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
	1. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in Accordance with the Proforma.
	2. Notification Regarding the RTI Act, 2005 and Information available thereof are placed at the Notice Board.
	3. Information available through the RTI was made aware to the Public through Display & also direct information.
	4. Office Staff were oriented to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
	5. Information to all the Schemes undertaken by the Office was made available and maintained transparency.
	6. Formats updated at Regular Intervals.
	7. Implementation of BEAMS/PFMS transaction, etc.
	1. Records of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
	2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
	3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
	4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
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	5. Information to all the Schemes undertaken by the Office was made available and maintained transparency.

		6. Formats updated at Regular Intervals.
		7. Implementation of BEAMS/PFMS transaction, etc.
	District Child Protection Officer	1. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in Accordance with the Proforma.
		2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the Proforma.
		3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
		4. All request received during the year 2022 has been disposed during the same year.
43	Soil & Water Conservation	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Information sought from the Department through RTI is being provided to the applicant from time to time.
	Directorate of Soil & Water	All relevant records are kept properly in document. Further information sought by applicants under R.T.I. Act, 2005 could be disposed accordingly.
		Suo Moto Disclosures. Prompt action taken on all queries.
44	Department of Textiles	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving, Department of Textiles	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	Nil
45	Transport	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Commissioner of Transport	Notification etc has been issue to all concern during the year 2022.
	MTC	Nil
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	Nil
	District Transport Officer & Regional	CPGRAM, RTI online grievances.
		Notification etc of the Right to Information Act duly published and displayed in Notice Board.

	Transport Authority	Directing the office staff to take immediate action on the information sought with the computerization it is getting easier to send the information by Email etc. Key initiative under taken during the year.
46	Tourism	
	SecretariatDeptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Tourism	SOU MOTO Public proactive disclosure Sec-4 of RTI Act, 2005. Sec – 4(1)(b)(i) Sec – 4(1)(b)(xvi) Sec – 4(1)(c) Sec – 4(1)(b)(vi)
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil
47	Urban Affairs	
	SecretariatDeptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	Nil
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	Records manage through Register and File.
	MUDA	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	Nil
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	Nil
	Baghmara Municipal Board	Nil
	Shillong Smart City Limited	Nil
48	Legal Metrology Department	
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	Nil
50	Meghalaya High Court	Nil
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	Nil
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	Nil
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	Nil

53	Water Resources Department	Information was furnished to all the RTI applications within the stipulated time during the year 2022.
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“Sir, it has been found that it is not enough that Governments should go to the people once in five years. It is necessary to find other means of empowering our citizens to feel that processes of governance truly serve the public purpose. The right to information is a quest for that sort of mechanism, which will empower our citizens with information, which enables them to judge for themselves whether or not Governments are functioning in accordance with what can be considered as public interest in the widest possible sense of the term. Sir, it goes without saying that all information can be misused also. Therefore, much will depend upon how information seekers approach their tasks. I do recognize the dangers that are inherent in such a situation because in our society information is power. But, one way of ensuring that this power is as widely distributed as possible is to ensure that access to information is not a monopoly of the few. Therefore, I do feel that there is not going to be that much danger of the misuse of the powers that the right to information confers on our citizens. Therefore, I feel, with the passage of this Bill, we see the dawn of a new era in governance processes – an era which will ensure that benefits of growth flow to all sections of society, an era which will eliminate the scourge of corruption, an era which will bring the common man’s concerns to the heart of all the process of governance, an era which will truly fulfill the hope of the founding fathers of our Republic” [*Address of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon’ble Prime Minister, in the Rajya Sabha during the debate on the RTI Bill on 12.05.2005*].

Important provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005

- The Act was enacted with a view to set out a practical regime for the citizens to secure information as a matter of right.
- A citizen has the right to seek from a public authority such information which is held by it or which is under its control. This right includes inspection of work, documents and records; taking notes, extracts or certified copies of documents or records; and taking certified samples of information held by the public authority. A citizen has the right to obtain information from a public authority in the form of diskettes, floppies, tapes, video cassettes or in any other electronic medium or through print-outs, provided such information is already stored in a computer or in any other electronic device.
- In the normal course, information to an applicant shall be supplied within 30 days from the receipt of application by the public authority. If information sought concerns the life or liberty of a person, it shall be supplied within 48 hours. If an applicant is not supplied information within the prescribed time or is not satisfied with the information furnished to him, he may prefer an appeal to the Department Appellate Authority (DAA) or First Appellate Authority (FAA) who is an officer senior in rank to the Public Information Officer (PIO). Such an appeal should be filed within a period of thirty days from the date on which the information or decision of the PIO is received. The FAA shall dispose of the appeal within a period of 30 days or in exceptional cases within 45 days of the receipt of the appeal. If the FAA fails to pass an order on the appeal within the prescribed period or if the appellant is not satisfied with the order of the FAA, he may prefer a second appeal with the Information Commission within 90 days from the date on which the decision should have been made by the FAA or was actually received by the appellant.
- A citizen who desires to seek some information from a public authority is required to send, along with the application, a demand draft or a banker's cheque or an Indian Postal Order of Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten), payable to the Accounts Officer of the public authority as fee prescribed for seeking information. The payment of fee can also be made by way of cash to the public authority or to the Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO), against a proper receipt. The applicant may also be required to pay further fee towards the cost of providing the information, details of which shall be intimated to the applicant by the PIO as prescribed by the RTI Rules 2012. Rates of fee as prescribed in the Rules are given below: (a) rupees two (Rs. 2/-) for each page (in A-3 or smaller size paper); (b) actual cost or price of a photocopy in larger size paper; (c) actual cost or price for samples or models; (d) rupees fifty (Rs. 50/-) per diskette or floppy; (e) price fixed for a publication or rupees two per page of photocopy for extracts from the publication and (f) so much of postal charges involved in supply of information that exceeds fifty rupees. For inspection of records, the public authority shall charge no fee for the first hour. But a fee of rupees five (Rs. 5/-) for each subsequent hour (or fraction thereof) shall be charged. A below poverty line (BPL) applicant, having proper documentary proof, is not required to pay any fee.
- The decisions of the Commission are binding. The public authority should ensure that the orders passed by the Commission are implemented. If any public authority or a PIO is of the view that an order of the Commission is not in consonance with the provisions of the Act, it may approach the High Court by way of a Writ Petition.

- If the PIO has, without any reasonable cause, refused to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under subsection (1) of section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or, obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, the State Information Commission shall impose a penalty of Rs. 250/- each day till application is received or information is furnished, however, the total amount of such penalty shall not exceed Rs. 25000/-; provided that the PIO shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before any penalty is imposed on him: provided further that the burden of proving that he acted reasonably and diligently shall be on the PIO. The State Information Commission shall recommend for disciplinary action against the PIO under the service rules applicable to him, besides pecuniary penalty {Section 20 (1) & (2)}.