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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 *eighteen 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 2023 is on the rise each successive year.

The Table below shows the *year-wise disposal of Complaints* by the Commission during the last 18 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
2023	43	36	-	15 nos. carried over

The Table below shows the *year wise disposal of Second Appeals* by the Commission during the last 18 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	
2023	13	10	0	8

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 2023 in the State was by and large smooth.

The Meghalaya State Information Commission is pleased to present to the State Government of Meghalaya this **18th Annual Report** for the period from *1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023*.

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	Vacant (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
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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 Lachumiere 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 Lachumiere 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 2023-2024 the budget 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 2023 - 2024
01	Salaries	1,14,00,000
02	Wages	18,00,000
06	Medical Treatment	8,80,000
11	Domestic Travel Expenses	7,35,000

13	Office Expenses	6,40,000
14	Rent Rates and Taxes	2,20,000
16	Publications	5,00,000
50	Other Charges	4,00,000
51	Motor Vehicles	25,00,000
Total		1,90,75,000

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 43 Complaints and 13 Appeals. From 43 Complaints 36 cases are disposed of and from 13 Appeals 10 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 *eighteen 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:

1. 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.
2. Who has been refused access to any information requested under this Act.
3. Who has not been given a response to a request for information or access to information within the time limit specified under this Act.
4. Who has been required to pay an amount of fee which he or she considers unreasonable.
5. Who believes that he or she has been given incomplete, misleading or false information under this Act; and
6. 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 2023, a total of 43 complaints were received by the Commission and 36 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 2023**

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	PIO, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Shillong	0	2	2	0
2	PIO, O/o The District Medical & Health Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	1	1	0
3	PIO, O/o The Chief Engineer PWD (Roads) Shillong	0	1	1	0
4	PIO, William Carey University, Shillong	0	2	2	0
5	PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Khanapara, Meghalaya	0	2	2	0
6	PIO, Social Welfare Department, Shillong	0	1	1	0
7	PIO, CMJ University, Jorabat, Meghalaya	0	1	1	0
8	PIO O/o The	0	1	1	0

	Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong				
9	PIO, O/o The Superintendent of Police, South Garo Hills	0	1	1	0
10	PIO, O/o The Transport Department	0	2	2	0
11	PIO, O/o The D.C. East Jaintia Hills	0	1	1	0
12	PIO, O/o The Horticulture Department, Williamnagar	0	1	1	0
13	Principal Sacred Heart Boys Higher Secondary School	0	1	1	0
14	PIO, O/o The DGP, Meghalaya, Shillong	0	1	1	0
15	PIO, O/o The E.E. PWD (Roads) Shangpung Division	0	2	2	0
16	PIO, O/o The Meghalaya Transport Corporation, Shillong	0	1	1	0
17	PIO, O/o The District Transport Officer, EKHD	0	1	1	0
18	PIO, Dorbar Shnong Lyngkon under Shella Confideracy	0	1	1	0
19	PIO, O/o The District School Education Officer, West Garo Hills District, Tura	0	1	1	0

20	PIO, Dorbar of the Syiem Myllem, Mawkhar, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.	0	1	1	0
21	PIO, O/o The Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong	0	2	2	0
22	PIO, Samanda C&RD Block, East Garo Hills District	0	1	1	0
23	PIO, O/o The Licensing Officer, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai	0	1	1	0
24	PIO, O/o The Home (Police) Department	0	1	1	0
25	The Headmistress, Photamati, Non Govt. L.P. School, West Garo Hills District	0	1	1	0
26	PIO, O/o The Sub Divisional School Education Officer, Dadenggre, West Garo Hills District	0	3	3	0
27	PIO, O/o The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority, Jowai	0	1	1	0
28	PIO, Kharkutta, C&RD Block, North Garo	0	1	1	0

	Hills, District				
	Total	0	36	36	0

Table 3.1.2

Details of the complaints disposed off by the Commission during 2023

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Complaint/01/2023/	Shri Laxmikant Sharma	PIO, O/o The Directorate of Mineral Resources, Shillong.
2	MIC/Complaint/02/2023/	Shri Khroo L. Pariat	PIO, O/o The District Medical and Health Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai.
3	MIC/Complaint/03/2023/	Shri L.J.L. Nongpuir	PIO, O/o The Chief Engineer PWD (Roads) Shillong.
4.	MIC/Complaint/05/2023/	Shri Salim Javed	P.I.O., William Carey University, Shillong.
5	MIC/Complaint/04/2023/	Shri Niraj Kumar	PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Khanapara.
6	MIC/Complaint/32/2022/	Shri E.M. Jose	PIO, O/o The Social Welfare Department, Shillong.
7.	MIC/Complaint/09/2023/	Shri Devendra Prasad	PIO, CMJ University, Jorabat.
8.	MIC/Complaint/07/2023/	Shri P.S. Nongkynrih	PIO, O/o The Shillong Municipal Board
9.	MIC/Complaint/26/2021/	Smti Geeta Goswami	PIO, O/o The Superintendent of

			Police, South Garo Hills.
10.	MIC/Complaint/13/2023/	Smti S.G. Marpna	PIO, Transport Department.
11.	MIC/Complaint/33/2022/	Shri Bidyujyoti Purkayastha	PIO, O/o The DC East Jaintia Hills.
12.	MIC/Complaint/12/2023/	Shri Joshua Ch. Marak	PIO, O/o The Horticulture Department, Williamnagar.
13.	MIC/Complaint/10/2023/	Shri Prosanjit Denre	PIO, William Carey University, Shillong.
14.	MIC/Complaint/15/2023/	Shri Orkybest Kharumnuid	Principal Sacred Heart Boys H.S. School.
15.	MIC/Complaint/17/2023/	Shri G.K. Iangrai	PIO, O/o The D.G.P. Meghalaya, Shillong.
16.	MIC/Complaint/16/2023/	Shri Dheeraj Maratha	PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Khanapara.
17.	MIC/Complaint/19/2023/	Shri Simon Dhar	PIO, O/o The EE PWD (Roads) Shangpung, Division
18.	MIC/Complaint/30/2023/	Shri Jay Prasant Dorjee	PIO, O/o The Meghalaya Transport Corporation, Shillong.
19.	MIC/Complaint/21/2023/	Shri G.K. Iangrai	PIO, O/o The District Transport Officer, East Khasi Hills District.
20.	MIC/Complaint/26/2023/	Shri Arju Dkhar	PIO, O/o The Transport Department, Shillong.
21.	MIC/Complaint/29/2022/	Shri Kling Syiemlieh & Others	PIO, Dorbar Shnong Lyngkhom under

			Shella Confederacy.
22.	MIC/Complaint/31/2022/	Shri Mostafizur Rahman	PIO, O/o The District School Education Officer, West Garo Hills District.
23.	MIC/Complaint/24/2023/	Shri B. Basaiawmoit	PIO, Dorbar O/o The Syiem Mylliem, Mawkhar, East Khasi Hills District.
24.	MIC/Complaint/22/2023/	Shri Inamul Hashan	PIO, O/o The Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong.
25.	MIC/Complaint/18/2023/	Shri Gripping B. Marak	PIO, O/o The Samanda C&RD Block, East Garo Hills District.
26.	MIC/Complaint/27/2023/	Shri Wanbun N.Dkhar	PIO, O/o The Licensing Officer, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai
27.	MIC/Complaint/20/2023/	Shri G.K. Iangrai	PIO, O/o The Home (Police) Department.
28.	MIC/Complaint/25/2023/	Shri Champalal Rabha	The Headmistress, Photamati, Non Govt. L.P. School, West Garo Hills, District.
29.	MIC/Complaint/29/2023/	Shri Lakhyajyoti Gogoi	PIO, O/o The Directorate of Mineral Resources, Shillong.
30.	MIC/Complaint/32/2023/	Shri Nazmul Hashan	PIO, O/o The Sub Divisional School Education Officer, Dadenggre, West Garo Hills District.
31.	MIC/Complaint/34/2023/	Shri Simon Dhar	PIO, O/o The Executive Engineer PWD

			(Roads) Shangpung Division
32.	MIC/Complaint/33/2023/	Shri Nazmul Hashan	PIO, O/o The Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong.
33.	MIC/Complaint/41/2023/	Shri Lasinme Syad	PIO, O/o The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority, Jowai
34.	MIC/Complaint/35/2023/	Shri Abdul Baten Prodhani	PIO, O/o The Sub Divisional School Education Officer, Dadenggre, West Garo Hills District.
35.	MIC/Complaint/36/2023/	Shri Abdul Baten Prodhani	PIO, O/o The Sub Divisional School Education Officer, Dadenggre, West Garo Hills District.
36.	MIC/Complaint/37/2023/	Shri Atul R. Marak	PIO, O/o The Kharkutta C&RD Block, North Garo 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,	No. of	No. of	Total Nos. of	No. of	No. of
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Sub-sections and Clauses	Complaints carried over from last year	Complaints filed during the year	Complaints with the Commission	Complaints disposed	Complaints rejected
.	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) b)	0	36	36	36	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		36	36	36	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, 13 (*thirteen*) *Appeals* were received.

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

Table 4.1.1

Department-wise 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	PIO, O/o The Revenue & Disaster Management Department	0	1	1	1	0
2	PIO, CMJ University, Jorabat, Ri-Bhoi District	0	1	1	1	0
3	PIO, O/o The Home (Police) Department	0	1	1	1	0
4	PIO, O/o The PWD (Buildings) Department, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
5	PIO, O/o The Block Development Officer, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills District	0	1	1	1	0
6	PIO , O/o The IG, CID, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
7	FAA, O/o The Additional DGP Shillong, Meghalaya.	0	1	1	1	0
8	PIO, O/o The Advocate General, Meghalaya, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0

9	FAA, O/o The PHE Department, Shillong.	0	1	1	1	0
10	PIO, O/o The Meghalaya Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
	Total	0	10	10	10	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/40/2022/	Mr. Roy Kupar Synrem	PIO, Revenue & Disaster Management Department.
2	MIC/Appeal/01/2023/	Shri R.G. Verma	PIO, CMJ University, Jorabat, Ri-Bhoi, District.
3	MIC/Appeal/02/2023/	Shri G.K. Iangrai	PIO, Home (Police) Department
4	MIC/Appeal/03/2022/	Shri E.M. Jose	PIO, PWD (Buildings), Shillong.
5	MIC/Appeal/39/2022/	Shri Shahjol Abedin	PIO, BDO, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills.
6	MIC/Appeal/06/2023/	Shri G.K. Iangrai	PIO, O/O The IG, CID, Shillong.
7	MIC/Appeal/05/2023/	Shri G.K. Iangrai	PIO, O/o The Advocate General, Meghalaya.
8	MIC/Appeal/09/2023/	Shri G.K. Iangrai	FAA, O/o The Additional DGP Shillong, Meghalaya.
9.	MIC/Appeal/11/2023/	Shri Purningstar Shabong	FAA, O/o The PHE

			Department, Shillong.
10.	MIC/Appeal/12/2023/	Ribanshai Lyngdoh	PIO, O/o The Meghalaya Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. Shillong.

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 2023 imposed the following penalties as indicated in Table 5.1.1.

Table 5.1.1
Penalties/Compensation awarded during 2023

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainants/ Appellants	Name of PIO/Public Authorities	Amount of Penalty/ Compensation
1.	MIC/Complaint/07/2023	Shri P.S. Nongkynrih	PIO, O/o The Shillong Municipal Board.	Rs.2,000/- (Penalty)
2.	MIC/Complaint/16/2023	Shri Dheeraj Maratha	PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.	Rs.3,000/- (Penalty)
3.	MIC/Complaint/04/2023	Shri Niraj Kumar	PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.	Rs.3,000/- (Penalty)
Total Amount of Penalties imposed = Rs. 8,000/-				

Chapter 6

Highlights of some of the important decisions of the Commission

(Orders passed by the Commission during 2023)

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/02/2023/10

Mr Khroo L. Pariat

- Complainant

- Vrs -

The PIO O/o District Medical and Health Officer, West Jaintia Hills Jowai. - Respondent

22-02-2023

ORDER

1. A complaint dated 23-01-2023 was received from Shri Khroo L Pariat alleging that he filed an RTI application to the PIO, Office of District Medical and Health Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai on 08-12-2022 and till the date of his complaint no response was received from the PIO.
2. The Commission vide letter No.MIC/Complaint/02/2023/4 dated 08th February, 2023 issued a show cause to the PIO, Office of DHS (MI) Meghalaya as the PIO, Office of District Medical and Health Officer has forwarded the application to the former. The PIO, Office of the DHS (MI) Meghalaya vide letter No.HSM/GEN/RTI/17/23/80323 dated 14-02-2023 informed the Commission that the application was forwarded to the PIO of Nursing on 13-01-2023 and the information was sent by the PIO office of Deputy Director Health Services Nursing to the complainant on 25-01-2023 vide letter No.HSM/NS/6/21/68663 dated 25-01-2023.
3. In view of the above the complaint is treated as closed. However it is noted that the PIO, District Medical and Health Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai received the RTI application on 13-12-2022 and forwarded it to the PIO, DHS (MI) on 03-01-2023, Section 6 (3) of RTI Act provides for transfer of application within 5 days. Hence the PIO, District Medical and Health Officer should make a note of this.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/05/2023/08

Shri Salim Javed

- Complainant

- Vrs -

The PIO William Carey University, Shillong.

- Respondent

29-03-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The Registrar, William Carey University namely Dr P.G.J Richard appeared and informed that the PIO is not well and hence could not appear. The Complainant namely Shri Salim Javed did not appear and no intimation was received from him.
2. The Registrar made a detailed submission informing that the RTI application was replied by the PIO vide letter No 1-100/WCU-R.T.I/2012-790 dated 2nd September 2022 and sent to the Applicant.
3. On the question as to why the First Appellate Authority did not response to the First Appeal filed by the Applicant date 11-10-2022, the Registrar informed that the University have not appointed the First Appellate Authority. Hence the Commission directs the University to appoint the First Appellate Authority as per Provision of the RTI Act 2005 within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.
4. It is also noted in the reply to the RTI application it is mentioned that the documents such as mark sheet etc. submitted by the Applicant are fake and fictitious, hence it is left to the University to take suitable action.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/07/2023/19

Shri P.S. Nongkynrih & Others - Complainant

- Vrs -

The PIO, O/o The Shillong Municipal Board. - Respondent

08-05-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The Complainant Shri P.S.Nongkynrih, Rangbah Shnong, Laitumkhrah and three other persons namely Shri T.D Myrboh, Shri Andrew A Jyrwa and Smti M.Kharkongor were present. Shri F.B Chyne, PIO, Shillong Municipal Board was present.
2. The PIO informed that the documents requested for are very old and some of them dated back to Pre-Independence and up to 1960. Thus the office could not locate those documents as the office of the Shillong Municipal Board was shifted a number of times and the documents are not easily traceable. However the PIO did not reply to the applicants or intimated them that the documents could not be traced. The First Appellate Authority on the basis of the First Appeal passed an order No. SMB/PW/RTI/Appeal/87/2023-24/10 dated 13.2.2023 directing the PIO to furnish the information. The PIO, however did not carry out the order of the First Appellate Authority and he cited that he was busy with the elections duty.
3. However it is noted that more than 80 days have passed since the First Appellate Authority directed the PIO. Hence a penalty of Rs.2000/- is imposed on the PIO for not responding to RTI Applications. The Commission has taken a lenient view as the documents were old and not traceable and limited the penalty to Rs.2000/- only. 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.
4. On the issue of tracing the documents as requested by the applicants the PIO informed that though efforts have been made to trace the documents till date they

could not be traced. He assured that serious efforts will be made to trace the documents and he will inform the applicants and Commission by 15th May 2023 whether the documents could be located or not.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/13/2023/18

Smti S.G.Marpna

- Complainant

- Vrs -

The PIO, Transport Department.

- Respondent

30-05-2023

O R D E R

1. In compliance to the order dated 15th May 2023 the PIO Transport Department submitted explanation vide letter No.TPT.56/2016/158 dated 22nd May 2023. From the records it is seen that the Applicant filed an RTI Application with the PIO, office of the Secretary Government of Meghalaya, Transport Department dated 22-12-2022, the PIO in turn sought information from the Commissioner Transport Department and finally the information was sought from the District Transport Officer, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara. This has caused delay as the papers have to go through three offices.
2. The information is available with the District Transport Officer, Transport Department, Resubelpara. Hence the right steps should have been for the PIO, Transport Department to transfer the application to the PIO, District Transport Officer as prescribed under Section 6(3) of RTI Act 2005 and the reply could have been sent directly by the PIO, office of District Transport Officer, Resubelpara.
3. The PIO, Transport Department should make a note of this and it is expected that a PIO has been notified in the office of the District Transport Officer Resubelpara. The Commission should be informed about the nomination of PIO in the office of District Transport Officer, Resubelpara.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/15/2023/10

Shri Orkybest Kharumnuid

- Complainant

- Vrs -

Principal Sacred Heart Boys H.S.School

- Respondent

30-05-2023

ORDER

1. A complaint was received from Shri Orkybest Kharumnuid stating that he filed an RTI application with the Principal, Sacred Heart Boys Higher Secondary School, Mawlai on 01-03-2023. There was no response to the RTI application.
2. A Show Cause notice was issued by the Commission vide letter No.MIC/Complaint/15/2023/8 dated 16-05-2023. The Principal, Sacred Heart Boys Higher Secondary School, Mawlai replied vide letter dated 26-05-2023. It is mentioned in the letter that the applicant was informed over phone to furnish the cost of requirement of paper for the information to be supplied and as mentioned in the letter and the applicant did not turn up. The Commission advised the Principal, Sacred Heart Boys Higher Secondary School to reply to the RTI application in writing so that a record will be available that the RTI application has been replied to.
3. Further the Principal should note that in future RTI applications should be replied in writing.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/32/2022/50

Shri E.M. Jose - Complainant

- Vrs -

The PIO, Social Welfare Department, Shillong. - Respondent

20-06-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The PIO cum Under Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, Social Welfare Department, Smti Kilamonbha Kharsati accompanied by Smti Gayatri Rynjah, Assistant Superintendent, Social Welfare Department were present. The Complainant Shri E.M. Jose was also present. The Commission in its order 31-03-2023, directed the Department to take up with Enforcement Directorate as to whether making the report public would impede the investigation. As far as Assam Police is concerned, there is nothing on records to show that they requested for a copy of the inquiry report.
2. The Complainant made a submission that recently the Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare Department, Shri Paul Lyngdoh, in a press briefing quoted from the report and he even allowed the members of the press to have a look at the report. The Commission at this juncture make note of the submission and the Complainant was informed that the issue in question is about the ongoing investigation and if making the report public would impede the process of investigation.
3. The PIO reiterated the submission made vide letter No.SW(S)49/2021/Pt/70 dated 26th May, 2023 and informed the Commission that an officer of Enforcement Directorate, Sub Zonal Office, personally met the PIO and verbally informed that their office have no objection to whatever decision the Government takes. However, she requested the Commission not to make the inquiry report public till completion of the investigation.

4. As mentioned above, the issue under consideration is whether making the inquiry report public would impede the investigation. The officer of Enforcement Directorate verbally informed the PIO that their office have no objection on whatever decision taken by the Government. Hence it can be safely concluded that making the report public would not impede the investigation of Enforcement Directorate as they have not made any indication to that effect.
5. In view of the above, the Commission finds no other exemption under RTI Act 2005 not to give the copy of the inquiry report to the Applicant. Hence the PIO is directed to supply a copy of the inquiry report to the Applicant on payment of prescribed fee. The same should be done within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order with intimation to the Commission.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/30/2023/19

Shri Jay Prasant Dorjee

- Complainant

- Vrs -

The PIO, MTC, Shillong

- Respondent

13-07-2023

ORDER

1. The Commission vide order dated 08-12-2022 directed the Managing Director, Meghalaya Transport Corporation to look into the matter of as to why the PIO and First Appellate Authority of Meghalaya Transport Corporation did not response to the RTI application. Subsequently reminders dated 21-02-2023 and 10-06-2023 were issued.
2. The First Appellate Authority cum Managing Director, Meghalaya Transport Corporation vide letter No.MTC/ESSTT/RTI/2006/Pt.1/96 dated 30th June 2023 informed that the PIO has already sent the required information to the complainant vide letter No.MTC/Esstt/2006/140/RTI/195 dated 27th June 2023. The First Appellate Authority justified the delay in sending information to the complainant by citing reasons of illness spouse of PIO and preoccupation of the First Appellate Authority with other official matters.
3. The grounds given by the First Appellate Authority for the delay of more than 6 months are not plausible. However, the Commission is inclined to take a lenient view as the information was already sent to the complainant although at a very late stage. Further the Commission cautions the First Appellate Authority and the PIO that such delay will not be tolerated in future and action will be taken as per provisions of the RTI Act.
4. In view of the above, the instant complaint is treated as closed.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/16/2023/51

Shri Dheeraj Maratha

- Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

- Respondent

27-07-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. Dr.Sarika Dixit, Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya and Miss Champa Bormon, PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya were present. The complainant namely Shri Dheeraj Maratha was absent and no intimation received from him. Later after the hearing the complainant appeared and he was informed about what transpired in the hearing.
2. The Registrar informed that Miss Champa Bormon was appointed PIO by the University vide office order No.MGU/VC/07/2023/011 dated 01-07-2023. However on being questioned about the First Appellate Authority she mentioned that no First Appellate Authority was appointed till date. The University needs to take immediate action to appoint the First Appellate Authority with intimation to the Commission.
3. The complainant filed an RTI Application dated 13-12-2022 to the PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University and did not receive any reply, hence he filed the First Appeal on 13-02-2023 but no reply was received. Thus vide letter dated 07-05-2023 he filed the Second Appeal with the Commission which was treated as a Complaint. A show cause notice was issued vide order No.MIC/Complaint/16/2023/24 dated 15th May 2023 and reply was received from Registrar vide letter No.MGU/RTI/074 dated 15-06-2023 informing that reply has been sent to the complainant on 01-06-2023. The verification process is laid down by the University and hence for verification the complainant needs to follow the procedure.
4. The Commission noted that the RTI application was filed on 30-12-2022 and the reply was sent on 01-06-2023. Hence there was a delay of more than 4 months after the expiry of 30 days for reply.

5. The Commission therefore imposed a penalty of Rs.3000/- (rupees three thousand) for the delay. 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 15 days and the Commission should be informed accordingly.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/27/2023/10

Shri Wanbun N Dkhar, West Jaintia Hills District. - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, O/o The Licensing Officer, Taxation Deptt, JHADC, Jowai. - Respondent

20-09-2023

ORDER

1. A Complaint was received by the Commission from Shri Wanbun N Dkhar dated 31st July 2023 alleging that he filed an RTI Application on 21-04-2022 with the PIO, Licensing Officer, Taxation Department Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council and did not receive reply.
2. The Commission vide letter No. MIC/Complaint/27/2023/3 dated 7th August, 2023 issued show cause to the PIO. The PIO vide letter dated 23-08-2023 made a submission that the reply was ready in their office but the Applicant did not collect the same and the Dealing Assistant did not bring to the notice of the PIO that the reply was lying in the office.
3. Further the PIO made a submission that under Section 19(3) of RTI Act 2005 the Applicant should have filed the second appeal with the First Appellate Authority of the Department instead of approaching the Commission. The PIO, it appears is not aware of Section 18 of the RTI Act where the Applicant can file a complaint with the Commission if the reply to RTI Act is not received within the prescribed time. Hence the Applicant is right in approaching the Commission. The submission did not mention if the reply was sent to the Applicant hence the Commission vide letter No. MIC/Complaint/27/2023/7 dated 1st September, 2023 directed the PIO to mention clearly if the reply has been sent. The PIO vide letter No.JHADC/TAX/RTI/7/2023/9 dated 12th September, 2023 informed the Commission that the reply has been sent by post to the Applicant.
4. In view of the above the instant complaint is treated as closed.

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

No.MIC/Complaint/33/2023/27

Shri Nazmul Hashan - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, O/o The DSEL Shillong. - Respondent

06-12-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. Smti Isabella Sohtun, PIO cum Deputy Director School Education and Literacy was present. The Complainant Shri Nazmul Hashan was also present. The Complainant was given opportunity to appear online but he preferred to attend in person. The First Appellate Authority cum Director School Education and Literacy did not appear and no intimation was received from him as to why he did not appear. The PIO informed the Commission that the First Appellate Authority is out of station and deputed her to represent him. However this was not intimated to the Commission by the First Appellate Authority, as such there is nothing on records to indicate that he has deputed the PIO to appear on his behalf. The First Appellate Authority should make a note that whenever the Commission issued an order for hearing with the direction to the First Appellate Authority to appear he should comply and if any circumstance prevents him from appearing he should depute someone to attend on his behalf in writing.
2. The brief of the instant case is that the Complainant filed RTI application dated 06-07-2023 and the PIO replied to the Applicant vide letter NO.DSEL/EL/GB/RTI/1/2019/115 dated 13th July, 2023. The Applicant was not satisfied with the reply hence he filed the First Appeal with the First Appellate Authority on 07-08-2023. The First Appellate Authority did not take any action on the First Appeal but as stated by the PIO he directed the PIO to reply to the First Appeal, submitted by the Applicant. The PIO accordingly replied vide letter NO. DSEL/EL/GB/RTI/1/2019/122 dated 29th August, 2023. The action of the First Appellate Authority clearly indicates that he is not aware of the role and function of the First Appellate Authority as per Section 19 of RTI Act 2005. The First Appellate Authority has to deal with the First Appeal himself and pass an order accordingly. This was not done, hence the Commission directs the First Appellate Authority to

make himself conversant with the provisions of the RTI Act and discharge his function as First Appellate Authority according to the provision of the Act.

3. In view of the above, the Commission directs the First Appellate Authority to consider the First Appeal filed by the Complainant and pass order accordingly. The same should be done within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order with intimation to the Commission. The Complainant is at liberty to file additional submissions if any before the First Appellate Authority.

Sd/-
(R.Lyngdoh)
I.C.

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

No.MIC/Appeal/04/2023/18

Shri G.K.Iangrai - Appellant

- Vrs -

Superintendent of Police, CID, Meghalaya, Shillong - Respondent

27-06-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. Shri Dr. M.G.Raghavendra Kumar, IPS, First Appellate Authority cum Superintendent of Police, CID, Shri N.Thohrem, MPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police CID, cum PIO were present, similarly Shri G.K.Iangrai Appellant was also present
2. The Appellant filed an RTI Application with the PIO, CID and the same was replied to, however the Applicant was not satisfied hence he filed the First Appeal with the First Appellate Authority dated 18th April 2023. The First Appellate Authority vide letter No. M/CID/Cell-III/18/2015/120 dated 12th May, 2023 replied to the First Appeal. However the Applicant was not satisfied with the response of the First Appellate Authority hence filed the Second Appeal dated 16th May 2023.
3. The Appellant requested for information on four items and the information for item No.4 that is names of all investigating officers investigating cases against the Applicant in CID was provided to the Applicant and he was satisfied with the reply.
4. The issues to be decided are regarding item No.1, 2&3 for which information was denied by the PIO taking exemption under Section 8(1) (h) of RTI Act 2005.
5. The Appellant has quoted a number of court cases regarding decision relating to Section 8(1)(h) of RTI Act. The fact and circumstances of those cases are found not to be exactly the same as the instant case, for example in one case of Adesh Kumar-versus-Union of India the order for supply of information was after the charge sheet has been filed. Similarly the First Appellate Authority in his submission quoted cases in which information was denied taking Section 8(1)(h) into consideration, however the reading of those cases indicate that the circumstances are not same and also relating to cases in which investigation is not completed.

6. The issue before the Commission in the present case is that whether exemption claimed under Section 8(1)(h) can be taken advantage of by the PIO and First Appellate Authority. The first information sought is as follows:

A. All communication from the CID Organization for seeking prosecution sanction against me for all the cases registered in CID PS.

The PIO and the First Appellate Authority made a submission that the communications while processing for prosecution sanction contain informations which will impede investigation. At this stage the First Appellate Authority also submitted that there are seven cases pending investigation and prosecution sanction was obtained only in one case. The Appellant strongly objected and made a submission that disclosure of the communication will not affect the investigation and informed that a copy of the prosecution sanction was also already given to him by the concerned authority. He made a strong submission before the Commission for ordering the First Appellate Authority and PIO to provide the information. The First Appellate Authority made further submission that the investigation in the case for which prosecution sanction is already obtained is in the advanced stage and charge sheet is expected to be filed shortly. He reiterated that the communication sought for contain information which would impede investigation.

7. The Commission made a note that the investigation is in the final stage and charge sheet is being filed. Hence in order to allow free and fair investigation and not to interfere with the process, the information may not be disclosed at this juncture. However as and when the charge sheet is filed the investigation will no longer be impeded by the supply of information as provided by Section 8(1)(h) of RTI Act. Hence the Commission directs that the information should be supplied to the Applicant within 10 days from the date of filing the charge sheet.

8. The second information is as follows:

B. File noting of all the matter pertaining to my process for seeking prosecution sanction copies.

The issues here are also same like those discussed in the fore going paragraphs. Hence the information should be supplied 10 days after filing of the charge sheet.

9. The next item of information requested by the Appellant is as follows:

C. Details of all cases along with FIR etc. registered in CID PS with effect from July, 2022 till March 24/2/2023.

The Applicant did not mention what are the details of the case required by him, hence without mentioning specifically what are the details of cases he required, the Commission will not be in a position to pass any order on what details are to be given. The Applicant however has asked for FIR, the Commission finds no bar for providing copies of the FIR. The PIO should indicate to the Applicant the number of copies that are required to be given to the Appellant and the amount that is required to be paid for the copies. The PIO should supply the copies when the Appellant pays the prescribed amount for making copies of the FIR.

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

No.MIC/Appeal/06/2023/09

Shri G.K. Iangrai - Appellant

- Vrs -

FAA, O/o The IG, CID, Shillong - Respondent

11-07-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. The First Appellate Authority Dr. M.G.Raghavendra Kumar, IPS, cum Superintendent of Police, CID, and the PIO Shri N.Thohrem, MPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police CID, were present. Shri G.K.Iangrai the Appellant was also present.
2. The Appellant Shri G.K. Iangrai filed a Second Appeal with the Commission as he was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO and also the decision of the First Appellate Authority on the RTI application filed by him dated 17-03- 2023.
3. The Appellant made the submission that he submitted an RTI application for information on seven items. The PIO denied information on all the items taking refuge under section 8(1)(h) of RTI Act 2005. He made an appeal to the First Appellate Authority against the denial of information by the PIO. The First Appellate Authority confirmed the action of PIO and quoted sections, 8(1)(h) and 8(1)(j) of RTI Act 2005 for denial of information. The Appellant further stated that neither the PIO nor the First Appellate Authority give justification for taking refuge under section 8(1)(h) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. He further mentioned that the authorities did not justify denial of information and simply quoted sections of the RTI Act which is not appropriate.
4. The PIO made submission and reiterated that information cannot be given as the information requested are barred by section 8(1)(h) of RTI Act.
5. The First Appellate Authority made a detailed submission in writing and was directed to make further submission on each of the item for which information was asked as follows:-
 - (i) The total number of cases that have been registered in CID PS for the last 25 years with case number and section.

6. The First Appellate Authority justified denial of information for the above item. The First Appellate Authority took the plea that information sought is not maintained in the manner it was asked and also compilation would lead to disproportionate diversion of resources.
7. The information asked as mentioned above relates to total number of cases, case number and sections of law for the last 25 years. The compilation of the information will not cause disproportionate diversion of resources. The other points raised by the First Appellate Authority, such as impeding investigation, third party information, public interest etc. will not be applicable for the above. However the PIO and First Appellate Authority mentioned that information for 25 years may not be readily available. The Commission directs that the information as sought should be given to the Appellant for the time period which it is available which may not be for the last 25 years. This information should be supplied to the Appellant within one month.
 - (ii) The status of the oldest case which are pending in CID PS with case number and section along with list of investigating officers who have been endorsed and re-endorsed for such cases.
8. The First Appellate Authority in his written submission and verbal submission referred to issues of disproportionate diversion of resources, endangerment of life and safety of persons etc. The information sought is very simple and there is no likelihood of endangering, any life or impeding the investigation. Hence the Commission directs that the information be given to the applicant with 30 days.
 - (iii) Copies of all copies of the six monthly report on Human Rights cases report sent to NHRC w.e.f 2000 till date.
9. The PIO and the First Appellate Authority made further submission that the information sought is not available with them. However, in their earlier submission they have also claimed exemption under relevant portion of section 8 of RTI Act. The PIO and the First Appellate Authority should reply to the applicant that information is not available with them and there is no necessity for taking refuge under section 8 of RTI Act when the information asked for is not available with them. Hence the PIO should reply to the applicant accordingly.

- (iv) The total number of cases registered or enquired by the Anti Corruption Branch for the past 10 (ten) years with case number and enquiry number.
10. The First Appellate Authority again made submission that information is not maintained in the format, diversion of resources to compile and the information asked is vague. The First Appellate Authority further mentioned that in case of enquiries divulging the details may impede the enquiry. Hence the Commission directs the PIO to give information on the cases registered by Anti Corruption Branch with case number. As regards to enquiry the PIO and First Appellate Authority should examine of giving the enquiry number will affect the enquiry if not, the information should also be given.
- (v) The status of all cases which involved police encounter registered with CID PS from all district of Meghalaya from the year 1996 till date along with case number and sections and name of investigation officer.
11. The First Appellate Authority reiterating the written submission, further stated that some cases are registered in the district however on examining the information asked it is clearly indicated that information is sought only for cases registered with CID PS relating to all district of the state. The Commission in this item also found that exemptions as indicated by PIO and First Appellate Authority are not applicable. Hence the information should be given to the Appellant within 30 days.
- (vi) List of all cases registered against former bureaucrat and status of each case with case number.
12. The First Appellate Authority in this item also took the same plea as those for the above forgiving items. In this case also the Commission finds that the exemption taken advantage of by the PIO and the First Appellate Authority are not applicable. Hence the information should be given to the Appellant.
- (vii) The list of pending cases in CID PS along with case number, sections etc. for the year 2022 August till date and it's status.
13. The First Appellate Authority besides mentioning points for exemption as for those other items above made additional points that the Appellant made a repeat request for information which was already supplied by him. The Appellant clarified that the earlier information was in cases registered against him. Hence the Commission directs

that the information as requested by the Appellant should be given to him within 30 days.

14. The PIO should give the information for each item as indicated above and the First Appellate Authority should see that the information is given within the time stipulated.

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

No.MIC/Appeal/05/2023/33

Shri G.K.Iangrai - Appellant

- Vrs -

PIO, O/o The Advocate General, Meghalaya. - Respondent

23-08-2023

ORDER

Case records put up today.

1. Shri L.K.Swett First Appellate Authority cum Under Secretary, Law Department, Government of Meghalaya and Shri S.Latam PIO cum Law Officer, Law Department, Government of Meghalaya were present. Shri G.K.Iangrai the Appellant was also present.
2. The PIO and the First Appellate Authority made written submissions individually which were taken on records. The PIO besides referring to a number of rulings of the Hon'ble Supreme Court also mentioned that the Second Appeal filed by the Appellant is not in accordance with rule 3(2) (a)(b)(c) and (d) of Right to Information (Appeal and Procedures of the State Information Commission) Rules 2017 and that appeal does not comply with the rule 3(2)(d), as the grounds for relief is not stated. Hence it is liable to be summarily rejected under rule 3(3). It is true that the Appellant in his Second Appeal did not clearly mention the grounds for appeal. However the fact remains that the Appellant applied for information which were not given to him by the PIO citing various reasons. Hence the Commission does not deem it fit to summarily reject the appeal on the ground stated. Further the spirit of RTI Act 2005 is for free flow of information to citizens. Thus PIOs and First Appellate Authorities should look into the applications with an open mind to give information and not with a mind of not giving and finding the exemptions provided in the Act and Rules.
3. The First Appellate Authority in his written submission reiterated most of the points on which the First Appeal was disposed off by him.
4. The issues before the Commission are denial of information on three points indicated below:
 - (i) Break up information on expenditure paid to all the Advocate General till date item wise w.e.f. 2013 till date.

- (ii) Information regarding payment of fees beyond the duly notified rate of the Government for Advocate General, Sr. Advocate and other if any and reason as recorded in note sheet etc. w.e.f. 2004 till date.
 - (iii) Expenditure incurred by the Government for legal remuneration for all advocate of the Government rendering their services in various court of the state from the Hon'ble High Court till the district court etc. from the year 2004 till date, year wise and district wise and court wise.
5. The above points will be taken up one by one. The Appellant in his verbal submission reiterated that on all the points the reply was not specific and the grounds mentioned appears to be just excuses for declining the information. The PIO in his reply to point No.(i) has mentioned three points for not supplying the information namely:
 - (a) Information sought are not maintained in the manner in which it has been sought.
 - (b) Furnishing of information leads to disproportionate diversion of the resources.
 - (c) The information about the fees paid of the Advocate are personal information and hence exempted.
 6. The First Appellate Authority made further verbal submission to reiterate his written submission that the information sought was not maintained in a manner it has been sought and also the issue of diversion of resources for compilation of the information. He quoted a number of rulings of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble High Courts and the Central Information Commission. These rulings cited dealt with issue of misrepresentation, frivolous requests for information, privacy etc.
 7. In the instant case the Commission will deal with the grounds for refusal of information one by one keeping in mind the rulings cited by PIO and First Appellate Authority. The reply to point No.(i) above itself indicates that the information sought is available though not maintained in the manner it was sought. Compilation of information which leads to disproportionate diversion of resources is acknowledged by the RTI Act 2005 under Section 7(9). Thus the PIO is correct to deny the information on the ground of diversion of resources. The plea that the information about the fees paid to the Advocate are personal and hence exempted is not acceptable as Section 4(b)(x) of RTI Act 2005 clearly states that monthly remuneration of each officers and employees including the system of compensation as provided in its regulation should be available in public.

8. In view of the above the Commission directs that the Appellant should be allowed to inspect the information as available in the office and if he so desires may ask for copies after payment of the prescribed fee. The First Appellate Authority and the PIO should inform the Appellant of the convenient date and time for such inspection.
9. The PIO replied to point No.(ii) on the same line as for those in point No.(i) The reading of the reply would indicate that there are payments of fees beyond the duly notified rate of the Government for Advocate General and Senior Advocate, as such compilation of these payments beyond the prescribed fee would entail disproportionate diversion of resources. However the PIO and the First Appellate Authority were quick to deny that this is what is meant by the reply. Further taking the plea that fees paid to the Advocate are personal information and hence exempted does not acceptable as Section 4(b)(x) of RTI Act 2005. Hence the Commission directs the PIO to reexamine the reply and clearly state the position so that the reply is self explanatory and not open to interpretation.
10. On point No.(iii) the information sought relates to High Court and District Court but the PIO can only reply in respect of High Court. The reasons cited here for not supplying the information are the same as those for points as point No.(i) and point No.(ii) that is, information is not maintained in the manner it is sought, compilation leads to disproportionate diversion of resources and fees paid to Advocate are personal information. The PIO and the First Appellate Authority made further submission that the relationship between the Law Officers and the Government is fiduciary in nature hence information cannot be disclosed. The Commission opines that this may hold true as far as advice, suggestions etc given by the Law Officers to the Government. In this case Appellant has not asked for those advice, suggestions etc. given by the Law Officers but on payment of fees etc. which can be given as prescribed by Section 4(b)(x) of RTI Act 2005. The First Appellate Authority mentioned that there are Government office memorandums pertaining fees, appearance fees etc. for Advocate General and others. Copies of this may be given to the Appellant on payment of prescribed fee. Further, in view of the inspection of the records and documents as mentioned in para 8 above the Appellant may find the reply for point No.(iii) also during the inspection.

- 11.** The First Appellate Authority and the PIO should confirm compliance of paras 8 and 9 above within 30 days from the date of issue of this order.

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

Chapter 7

Implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in the State during 2023

- 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 2023 a total number of 3300 requests were received by the Public Information Officers of those public authorities who have so far furnished their reports. 21 numbers of requests were carried over from the previous year; hence the total number of requests available with the PIOs for disposal is 3321. Out of these, 3262 requests were disposed of by the PIOs during the year .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 59 from the total number of requests received in the year 2023 by the PIOs.

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

Reporting Year: 2023

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	3	3	1	2	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arts & Culture							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
3	AH&Vety.							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH & Vety.	0	22	22	22	0	0	0
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
4	Border Areas Development							
	Secretariat Deptt	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	1	10	11	11	0	0	0
5	CM Secretariat							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
6	Cabinet Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
7	C & R D							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	Directorate of C & R D	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	2	2	2	0	0	0

	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura							
	Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	3	3	3	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, Mawkyrnrew	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development	0	8	8	8	0	0	0

Officer, Mawphlang								
Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	0	7	7	7	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	7	7	7	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	6	6	6	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Dambo- Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Songsak	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	8	8	8	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
Block Development	0	9	9	9	0	0	0	0

	Officer, Umsning							
	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	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dalu	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	2	2	2	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	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dadengre	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Gambegre	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Resubelpara	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Samanda	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Rambrai C&RD Block	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Rerapara C&RD Block	0	2	2	2	0	0	0

	Block Development Officer, Baghmara C&RD Block	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer Lumshnong C&RD Block	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Rongran C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Betasing C&RD Block	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
8	Cooperation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	2	2	2	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	2	2	2	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.							
	KHADC	1	44	45	45	0	0	0
	JHADC	2	116	118	118	0	0	0
	GHADC	11	86	97	97	0	0	0
10	Education							
	Secretariat Deptt.							

	DHTE	0	100	100	100	0	0	0
	DERT	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
	MBOSE							
	DSEL	0	118	118	117	1	0	0
11	Elections							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (Election)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	ERTS							
	Secretariat. Dept.	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
13	Finance							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of Small Savings							
	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	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Finance (AF)	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	7	7	7	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							
	Sectt. Deptt.	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	60	60	60	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
15	Forest & Envir.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(CC, R & T) Shillong	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) O/o PCCF & HoFF, Shillong	0	27	27	27	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Tura	0	35	35	35	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	0	132	132	132	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
16	Fisheries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
17	GAD							
	Office Estate Officer	0	1	1	1	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	4	4	4	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
18	Home (Police)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	1	477	478	475	3	0	0
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
20	Home (Prisons)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
21	Home (Passport)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
22	Health & F.W.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	1	155	156	154	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Executive Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Jt. Commissioner of Food Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Housing							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0

	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	25	25	25	0	0	0
25	Information & Public Relations							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
26	Information Technology & Communication							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
27	Law							
	Law (A)							
	Law (B)	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
28	Labour							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	5	5	5	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	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	36	36	36	0	0	0
30	Planning							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	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, Shillong	0	1	1	1	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	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	1	12	13	13	0	0	0
31	Personnel							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	61	61	61	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	22	22	22	0	0	0
	DC WestJaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	27	27	27	0	0	0
	DC East Garo Hills	0	17	17	17	0	0	0

	DC South Garo Hills	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	MPSC	0	157	157	150	7	0	4.45%
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	MATI	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	DC EastJaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	4	4	4	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	5	5	5	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	0	0	0	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	4	4	4	0	0	0

	Meghalaya State Public Services Delivery Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Jengjal Sub-Division	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Patharkhmah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
33	PHE							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	3	157	160	133	27	0	0
34	Power							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	0	27	27	19	7	1	0
35	Printing & Stationery							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing &	0	7	7	7	0	0	0

	Stationery							
36	P.W.D.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	EE PWD (R)	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
37	Parliamentary Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
40	SAD							
	SAD (A)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
42	Social Welfare							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	17	17	17	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Board							
	State Commission for Women	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	State Child Protection Society (ICPS) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	0	2	2	2	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
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Child Protection Society (ICPS) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Girls), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Soil & Water Conservation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water	0	24	24	24	0	0	0
44	Department of Textiles							

	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	1	1	1	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
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongstoin	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	District Handloom Officer, Nongstoin	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
45	Transport							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	MTC	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Secretary State Transport Authority	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	129	129	129	0	0	0
46	Tourism							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	20	20	20	0	0	0

47	Urban Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	MUDA	0	16	16	16	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board							
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Smart City Limited	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department							
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	57	57	48	9	0	0
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	35	35	35	0	0	0
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan,	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
53	Water Resources Department	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
54	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation	0	3	3	3	0	0	0

	Total:	21	3300	3321	3262	58	1	4.45%
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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
2023	3321	3262	59

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, 189 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: 2023)

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	1	1	1	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Cabinet Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	C&RD							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	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	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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, Mawkynrew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Shella-Bholaganj	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mylliem	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	1	1	1	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-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Rongjeng							
	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	0	0	0	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	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	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	2	2	2	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
	Block Development Officer, Rambrai C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Rerapara, C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Baghmara C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer Lumshnong C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Rongran C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Betasing 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	1	1	1	0	0	0

	Meghalaya Rural Tourism Cooperative Federation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	District Council Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	KHADC	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	JHADC	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	GHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Education							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	DHTE	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	DERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBOSE							
	DSEL	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
11	Elections							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (Election)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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							
	Directorate of Institutional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Finance							
	Finance (EC I) 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	0	0	0	0	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) O/o PCCF & HoFF, 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	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	0	1	1	1	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	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	0	8	8	8	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	8	8	8	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Executive Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jt. 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	3	3	3	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)							
	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
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology							
	Secretariat Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Planning							
	Secretariat Deptt.	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	1	1	1	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	8	8	8	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	2	2	2	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	2	2	2	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	0	0	0	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
	SDO (C) Jengjal Sub -Division	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Patharkhmah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	PHE							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	26	26	26	0	0	0
34	Power							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	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 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	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	EE PWD (R)	0	2	2	2	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.							
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Board							
	State Commission for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Child Protection Society (ICPS) Shillong	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
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Child Protection Society (ICPS) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Girls), Shillong	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	24	24	24	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
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Handloom Officer, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Transport							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	5	5	5	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	4	4	4	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	3	3	3	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	0	0	0	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
54	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	189	189	189	0	0	0

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 pending ones of the previous year
2014	123	120	
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
2023	189	189	0

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: 2023

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.	1	1	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 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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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, Myllem	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,	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Mawkyrwat						
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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 Development Officer, Laskein	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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
	Block Development Officer, Rambrai C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Block Development Officer, Rerapara, C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Baghmara C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer Lumshnong C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Rongran C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Betasing 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.	1	1	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.						
	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.						
	DHTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DERT	1	1	0	0	0	0
	MBOSE						
	DSEL	15	9	3	3	0	0
11	Election						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (Election)	0	0	0	0	0	0
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						
	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 Dept.	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	3	1	1	1	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) O/o PCCF & HoFF, 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	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	1	1	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	1	0	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
	Executive Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jt. Commissioner 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 &	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Industries						
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)						
	Law (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Labour						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology						
	Secretariat Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Planning						
	Secretariat Dept.	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 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	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	2	2	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	4	0	0	0	3
	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	0	0	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) Amlarem	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Commission						
	SDO (C) Jengjal Sub-Division	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Patharkhmah	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	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 Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
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.						
	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 Person with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Child Protection Society	0	0	0	0	0	0

	(ICPS) Shillong						
	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
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Child Protection Society (ICPS) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Girls), Shillong	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
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Handloom Officer, Nongstoin	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	9	0	0	0	0	9
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
54	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	42	21	4	4	1	12

Nota Bene : NA = (Information) Not Available

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

A total amount of Rs.83,047.00 was collected by the Public Information Officers/Public Authorities in the form of fees and charges during 2023. Out of which an amount of Rs.25,781.00 was collected under Section 4(4), being the cost of the printed

materials in which form the information was provided; an amount of Rs.22067.00 is collected being the application fees collected under Section 6(1); an amount of Rs.23,650.00 was collected under Section 7(1) being the cost of the photo copies made; an amount of Rs. 3,751.00 was collected under section 7(5) being the cost of information provided in electronic format and an amount of Rs.7,798.00 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 : 2023

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	100	150	0	0	250
	Directorate of Horticulture	724	20	0	0	10	754
	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	160	204	0	0	364
	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	2212	30	46	0	0	2288
5	C.M.Secretariat						

	Secretariat Deptt.	20	0	0	0	0	20
6	Cabinet Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
7	C&RD						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Directorate of C&RD	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	30	54	0	0	84
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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	20	0	0	0	20
	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	30	796	0	0	826
	Block Development Officer, Shella-Bholaganj	30	154	0	0	0	184
	Block Development	0	0	474	0	0	474

Officer, Myllem						
Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	10	0	0	0	10
Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	20	0	0	0	0	20
Block Development Officer, Mawphlang	0	56	0	0	0	56
Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	0	80	4730	0	0	4810
Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	10	70	0	0	0	80
Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	676	0	0	0	676
Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	1838	80	0	0	0	1918
Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Songsak	252	40	0	0	0	292
Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	60	0	0	1078	1138

	Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	1046	20	0	0	0	1066
	Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	0	474	0	0	474
	Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	70	0	89	0	159
	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	687	0	0	0	0	687
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Block Development Officer, Umling	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Wapung	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Laskein	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Block Development Officer, Dadengre	0	10	10	0	0	20
	Block Development Officer, Gambegre	1330	0	0	0	0	1330
	Block Development Officer, Resubelpara	0	831	0	0	0	831
	Block Development Officer, Samanda	2129	0	0	0	0	2129
	Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Officer, Rambrai C&RD Block						
	Block Development Officer, Rerapara, C&RD Block	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Block Development Officer, Baghmara C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer Lumshnong C&RD Block	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Block Development Officer, Rongran C&RD Block	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Betasing C&RD Block	0	40	0	0	0	40
8	Cooperation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	20	0	296	0	316
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	10	0	0	0	10
	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.						
	KHADC	90	254	337	684	0	1365
	JHADC	4443	930	0	1400	0	6773
	GHADC	0	70	0	0	0	70

10	Education						
	Secretariat Deptt.						
	DHTE	0	972	1545	0	0	2517
	DERT	0	30	12	0	0	42
	MBOSE						
	DSEL	10	640	1154	52	0	1856
11	Election						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (Election)	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	ERTS						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	100	0	98	0	198
	Commissioner of Excise	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	180	224	0	0	404
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	350	0	0	0	350
	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						
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC1) Deptt.	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	10	0	0	0	10
	Finance (AF)	0	10	26	0	0	36
	Finance (PC)	0	0	130	0	0	130

	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	500	730	66	0	0	1296
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	20	0	0	0	0	20
15	Forest & Envir.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	40	0	0	0	40
	Conservator of Forests(CC, R & T) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) O/o PCCF & HoFF, Shillong	0	150	24	0	0	174
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Tura	0	172	0	0	0	172
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	20	892	562	0	0	1474
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	0	30	0	50	0	80
16	Fisheries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	20	212	0	0	232
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	20	0	0	0	20
18	Home (Police)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	834	30	0	0	0	864
	Director General of Police	14	2206	0	0	60	2280
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	40	0	0	0	40
20	Home (Prisons)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	60	0	0	0	60
21	Home (Passport)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & FW						
	Secretariat Deptt.	20	0	0	0	0	20
	DHS (MI)	10	40	0	0	0	50
	DHS (MCH& FW)	0	0	3466	0	0	3466
	DHS (R)	0	80	0	0	0	80
	Executive Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Jt. Commissioner 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	10	262	0	0	272
24	Commerce & Industries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	120	854	0	0	974
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	20	0	0	0	20
27	Law						
	Law (A)						
	Law (B)	0	30	46	0	0	76
28	Labour						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	54	0	0	0	54
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer, Employees State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	70	0	0	0	0	70
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	310	0	0	0	310
30	Planning						
	Secretariat 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, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	50	0	0	0	0	50
	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	10	0	0	0	10
	Planning (Research)						
31	Personnel						
	Personnel & AR(A)	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	90	38	0	0	128
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	10	1486	120	0	176	1792
	DC Ribhoi District	10	200	912	0	0	1122
	DC WestJaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	70	2	0	0	72
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	30	54	0	0	84
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	270	0	0	0	270
	DC East Garo Hills	0	170	0	0	0	170
	DC South Garo Hills	0	2275	0	0	0	2275
	MPSC	0	1040	0	144	0	1184

	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	10	0	0	0	10
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	70	2	0	0	72
	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) Amlarem	0	50	16	0	0	66
	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	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	40	32	0	0	72
	Meghalaya State Public Services Delivery Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Jengjal Sub-Division	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Patharkmah	0	0	0	0	0	0

32	Political						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	60	0	124	184
33	PHE						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	482	1025	3652	898	4134	10191
34	Power						
	Secretariat Deptt.	20	0	0	0	0	20
	MSERC	0	10	0	0	0	10
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	40	0	0	0	40
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	30	0	0	0	30
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	0	230	260	0	0	490
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.	10	10	0	0	0	20
	CEPWD(R)	0	0	0	0	544	544
	CEPWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	544	544
	CEPWD (B)	0	80	0	0	486	566
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	40	284	0	0	324
	EE PWD (R)	0	0	0	0	20	20

37	Parliamentary Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	40	110	0	0	150
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	60	0	0	0	60
40	SAD						
	SAD (A)	0	0	148	0	0	148
	SAD (E)	0	0	360	0	0	360
	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	716	170	0	0	10	896
42	Social Welfare						
	Secretariat Deptt.						
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	50	52	0	0	102
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	0	50	0	0	50
	District Social Welfare Officer	10	0	0	0	0	10
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	10	10	0	0	0	20
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home	0	0	0	0	0	0

	(Boys) Shillong						
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Child Protection Society (ICPS) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Child Protection Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Girls), Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Soil & Water Conservation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	230	0	0	230
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	0	220	260	0	0	480
44	Department of Textiles						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate.of Sericulture& Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	10	0	0	0	10
	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
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongstoin	0	10	0	0	0	10

	District Handloom Officer, Nongstoin	0	20	0	0	0	20
45	Transport						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	150	0	0	0	150
	Commissioner of Transport	0	60	42	0	0	102
	MTC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	0	61	0	0	0	61
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	264	780	40	40	0	1124
46	Tourism						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	60	0	0	494	554
	Directorate of Tourism	0	60	0	0	118	178
	MTDC Ltd.	0	40	633	0	0	673
47	Urban Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	50	50	0	0	0	100
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	562	0	0	0	562
	Jowai Municipal Board	10	0	0	0	0	10
	MUDA	0	11	106	0	0	117
	Tura Municipal Board	0	10	0	0	0	10
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Assembly						
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	600	0	0	0	600
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	20	145	0	0	165
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	0	40	0	0	0	40
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	90	0	0	0	90
53	Water Resources Department	7800	80	184	0	0	8064
54	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	25781	22067	23650	3751	7798	83047

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 2023

Sl.No.	Name of the Department	Name of the Defaulter Public Authority
1.	C & RD	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura
2.	Education	Secretariat Deptt. MBOSE
3.	Law Department	Law (A)

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	

	Directorate of Horticulture	Assigning an officer of the office as Public Information Officer to address needs of the Public in relation to RTI matters.
		Computerization of records being done where ever possible.
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.	All efforts are made to provide the information under RTI (Right to Information) Act within the stipulate time period.
	Directorate of AH&Vety	All efforts are made to provide the information under RTI (Right to Information) Act within the stipulate time period.
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 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 Muto 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 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.
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5	C&RD	
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Record Management.
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	An RTI applied by the applicants were disposed within 30 days.
	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	The RTI records are set to maintained manually in the office file and accordingly the reports are to be furnished to the Applicants seeking information through RTI after necessary payments to the Public Authority.
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Uploading of key benefits implemented through the Department in the Portal of South West Khasi Hills District (Disclosure of information).
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	Applicants applied by giving fees for seeking information and relevant information given within 30 days.
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynew	Record Management.

Block Development Officer, Myllem	Record Management.
Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng	Record management Register maintained accordingly in the office of the Block Development Officer.
Block Development Officer, Mawphlang	Record Management, Computerization of office records and correspondences.
Block Development Officer, Mawsynram	Record Management.
Block Development Officer, Pynursla	Record Management Register maintained accordingly by the office of BDO.
Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	All request has been replied according to RTI 2005.
Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	Timely disposal of information.
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, Ranikor	Public Awareness
Block Development Officer, Dalu	Most of the information generally sought are put on the Official website or the notice board which generally reduces the RTI applications.
Block Development Officer, Gambegre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ref No. Nil Dated 07.07.2023 (Niksamsoa Garo Community organization, Purakhasia Unit – 794103 2. No.HWA/PRE/RTI/2023/03, dated 25.08.2023 (handicapped Welfare Association, H.Q. New Bhaitbari, West Garo Hills).
Block Development Officer, Ri-Muliang C&RD Block	The Block Development Officer Ri-Muliang C&RD Block is newly created Block, the date of inauguration is on 22.11.2024.
Block Development Officer, Baghmara	(i) Digitization of all records disposed RTI files.
	(ii) Uploading and aligning Office procedures and processes to

	C&RD Block	enable timely disposal of RTI files.
	(iii)	Training and capacity programmes for record managers, APIO & PIO to equip them to handle RTI effectively.
6	Cooperation	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Steps have been taken to ensure prompt disclosure of information.
	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.
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	Necessary steps for prompt disclosure of information has been taken.
7	District Council Affairs	
	GHADC	The Department has been done its duty honestly, faithfully and transparently to its end best so far.
		21 st March, 2023 Issued RTI in respect of appointment made in the Relief & Rehabilitation and Housing Department from January 2023 to 31 st December, 2023.
		21 st March, 2023 Issued RTI in respect of appointment made in the Re-Settlement Branch from January 2023 to 31 st December, 2023.
8	Education	
	DHTE	PIO of some universities has been register and onboard in the portal.
	DERT	Updated content with regards to this Directorate on Sou muto disclosures on 9.01.2024.
	DSEL	RTI application duly received during the reporting year have been looked into and information are provided as per the rules and condition laid down. Records such as office copies of the same are maintained by the Office.
		RTI has been disposed without any pending.
		All RTI Appeals/Cases disposed off promptly and records of which are maintained.
		For any urgent information required from various school, soft copy of the questions are posted on Whatsapp Group of the Head of School to avoid any unnecessary delay.
		Most of the RTI on disposal directly to the emails of the Applicant in pdf to avoid delay or reduced the experience such as printing, posting etc.
		All RTI Application and Reply are maintained in the RTI file.
		The answer to the requests has been done through their email address.
9	Finance	
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Compliance with Suo Motu disclosure of Nodal Officer, details of AA, PIO, Asstt. PIO under Sec.4 of RTI Act 2005 vide letter No.FEA.103/2005/635 dated 20 th October, 2023 and No.FEA.103/2005/649, dated 15 th November, 2023 to Deputy Secretary, Personnel and AR (A) Department.
	Finance	Necessary steps have been taken to provide the information within the

	(Establishment) Department	stipulated time as per provision of the Act.
	Finance (AF)	All RTI applications pertaining to this Department have been disposed off within the stipulated time.
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Necessary step has been taken to provide the information within the stipulated time as per provision of the Act.
10	Food & Civil Supplies	
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	RTI applications are disposed of in time.
11	Forest & Envir.	
	Conservator of Forests(CC, R & T) Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicants.
	Conservator of Forests(HQ) O/o PCCF & HoFF, Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicants.
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicants.
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Tura	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicants.
	Conservator of Forests (WL), Tura	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicants.
	Conservator of Forests (T), Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicants.
	Conservator of Forests (SF), Shillong	Register maintenance is done for record keeping of applicants.
12	GAD	
	GAD (A)	<p>1. Necessary steps have been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act.</p> <p>2. Maintenance of Record management of RTI Register for quick disposal of information.</p>
13	Home (Police)	
	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.
		S.P. Ampati has access to Online RTI Portal 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 submit the reply to the concerned authority / applicant in a stipulated time bound period.

		<p>To dispose RTI application at the earliest.</p> <p>Effort was made to improve record keeping and to start Suo Moto disclosure of information like displacing of some information on the office Notice Boards, Facebook Page, Twitter and Instagram so that information was properly pressure and general public can have access to information display.</p> <p>Prompt reply as mandated by the RTI Act. No petition has been submitted to the Appellate Authority against the PIO of the District. Training imparted to PIOs at the lowest level.</p> <p>All information sought has been replied accordingly.</p>
14	Home (Prisons)	
	Inspector General of Prisons	Records maintained and recorded in the register.
15	Health & FW	
	DHS (MI)	<p>Maintaining records physical documented.</p> <p>Coordinating responses & ensuring compliance with the provision of RTI Act.</p> <p>Track the status of their request online application.</p> <p>Record management is being maintain accordingly during the current year 2023.</p> <p>Necessary step have been undertaken to comply to all applicant within the stipulated time frame with accurate information and as per records available.</p> <p>Immediate response to the entire request.</p>
16	Housing	
	Directorate of Housing	Care has been taken for Proper Record Management and Networking has improved the smooth and transparent disclosure of information.
17	Labour	
	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>
	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.
	Meghalaya State Skills Development Society	<p>1) A Robust Project Management Information System (MIS).</p> <p>2) Uploading of Queries/Replies under the RTI Tab in the MSSDS Website-in progress.</p>
18	Mining & Geology	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Record, Management are maintained in a register.
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Record, Management Computerization and networking is still going on.
19	Planning	
	Bio. Resource Development	The information under RTI Act, 2005 have been disposed within a

	Centre, Shillong	time frame to the concerned applicants.
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment	The information under RTI Act, 2005 have been disposed within a time frame to the concerned applicants.
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	1. Construction of Digital Planetarium at NEHU, Tura. 2. SPoCS Scheme Proposal for upgradation of the Centre was approved by the Ministry of Culture. 3. Several Science Programmes were conducted during the year. 4. Start-up for formation of Astronomy Club.
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	On going.
	Science & Technology Cell	The information under RTI Act, 2005 have been disposed within a time frame to the concerned applicants.
	District Planning Officer	Any matters relating to RTI are given top most priority and are disposed off immediately. Regarding basic information (under suo moto disclosures) are updated from time to time in the official website of the District through the DIO of the District. Nothing in particular worth mentioning.
20	Personnel	
	Personnel & AR(A)	The Department has taken steps in compliance with Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005 and has prepared suo moto disclosure information under the Act to the public at regular intervals to facilitate ease of obtaining information and to make the functioning of the Public Authorities more transparent.
	Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Compilation of Reservation Roster submitted by different offices/organization which falls under the purview of the DSC, East Khasi Hills District. Replied to Shri Sban Khongjoh. Wahlakhiat. Replied to Mr.E.Lalsangluaia, R/o Lummawrie, Laitumkhrah. Replied to Mrs. K. Lytep, Advocate, High Court of Govt. of Meghalaya Bar Association.
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Reply as sorted.
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	Any application pertaining to RTI, 2005 Act. The offices immediately take action for disposing the matter.
	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 and HoDs of Meghalaya on 22 nd - 26 th May, 2023 at MATI and one day demand based RTI Training on 28 th June, 2023 at Mairang. 2) Training on Online Portal of the RTI Act, 2005 has been conducted

		at MATI campus with effect from 12 th to 14 th May 2023 for the Nodal Officers, PIOs, APIOs and Officials handling RTI of the Districts, Directorates and other Administrative Departments of the Govt. of Meghalaya.
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	<p>Sou Moto disclosure have been uploaded in the District Website.</p> <p>No Official initiatives undertaken during the year 2023.</p> <p>Records being maintained and updated as required.</p> <p>Sou Moto disclosure have been up loaded in the District website.</p> <p>Records are being properly maintained however Computerization of Judicial Branch is yet to be undertaken.</p>
	DC North Garo Hills	<p>1. Online mode of RTI Application.</p> <p>2. Timely disposal of RTI Application both online and offline application.</p>
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Computerize/manual recording of RTI were maintained by the respective branch, PIO/APIO, office of the Deputy Commissioner, South West Garo Hills, Ampati.
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Replies as sorted.
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	Information generally sought for is put on the official website or the notice board.
	SDO (C) Dalu	Prompt Disposal of RTI applicants if received.
21	Political	
	Secretariat Deptt.	<p>1.) RTI Applications replied to successfully.</p> <p>2.) Compliance with section 4 of RTI Act, 2005 (Vide Pol.10/2020/95 dated 22.12.2023, copy enclosed)</p> <p>(Vide Pol.155/2005/PT/417 dated 29.11.2023, copy enclosed)</p> <p>3.) RTI Fees collected promptly deposited to district treasury.</p>
22	PHE	
	Chief Engineer	<p>Transparency</p> <p>Necessary information have been displayed in the office 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.</p>
23	Power	
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	<p>Record of all works have been kept properly.</p> <p>Details of worksheet etc. are also available in soft copy at the office for quicker response if required.</p>
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	<p>Reply to the RTI application have been taken up in top priority and with urgency to dispose off the case within the stipulated period either by email or by post. Names of Appellate Authorities and PIOs of MeECL are uploaded/updated in the MeECL website from time to time.</p> <p>Records of all works have been kept properly.</p> <p>Record Management.</p> <p>Records of all the works are places under respective files as per office procedure.</p>

		Details of worksheet, etc., are also available in soft copy at the office for quicker response if required.
24	Printing & Stationery	
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	During the year under Report, the Directorate has procured a highly sophisticated Offset Machine and successfully installed the KOMORI ENTHRONE 29 four colour Offset Printing Machine with computerized Print control to improve registration. This Machine is highly speed Machine which can print 13,000 sheets per hour and catering to printing high quality four colour jobs and publications of different varieties as required by the various State Government Departments.
25	PWD	
	CEPWD(R)	All the replies to the queries have been provided to the applicants within the stipulated time.
	CEPWD (NH)	All the replies to the queries have been provided to the applicants within the stipulated time.
	EE PWD (R)	Record Management.
26	Parliamentary Affairs	
	Secretariat Deptt.	1. Implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. 2. Online updation of PIO's on RTI Portal. 3. Furnishing of details related to State Public Information Officers.
27	Revenue & Disaster Management	
	Directorate Land Records & Survey	Land Records Management.
28	Social Welfare	
	Directorate of Social Welfare	1. Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4. All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
	State Child Protection Society (ICPS) Shillong	1. Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4. All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
	District Social Welfare Officer	1. Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4. All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the

		same year.
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	1.Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4.All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
	Asstt. Director of Social Welfare (CNCP) I/c Observation Home (Boys) Shillong	1.Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4.All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	1.Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4.All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	1.Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4.All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
	District Child Protection Officer	1.Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4.All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Girls), Shillong	1.Record 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 oriented to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4.All request received during the year 2023 has been disposed during the same year.
29	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 RTI Act, 2005 could be disposed accordingly.
		Suo Moto Disclosures. Prompt action taken on all Queries.
30	Transport	
	Commissioner of Transport	Notification etc. has been issue to all concern during 2023.
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	Notification etc. of the RTI Act duly published and displayed in the Notice Board. Directing the office staffs to take immediate action on the information sought with the computerization it is getting easier to send the information by Email etc.
31	Tourism	
	Directorate of Tourism	SOU MOU Public proactive disclosure Sec-4 of RTI Act, 2005. Sec – 4 (1)(b)(i) Sec – 4 (I)(b)(xvi) Sec – 4 (I)(c) Sec – 4 (I)(b)(vi)
32	Urban Affairs	
	Jowai Municipal Board	Records Manage through Register and Files.
33	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	1. Implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. 2. Updation of PIO's on online RTI Portal. 3. Furnishing of details related to State Public Information Officers.
34	Meghalaya High Court	
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	All the required reports and RTI filed was replied and sent on time.
35	Water Resources Department	Information was furnished to all the RTI applications within the stipulated time during the year 2023 and records are also maintained by the Department.

“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 sub-section (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)}.

