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Chapter – 1

Introduction

This is the 9th edition of the Annual Report of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005. Annual Reports have been published by the Meghalaya State Information Commission regularly every year, with a view to highlight and reflect the ground realities *vis-à-vis*, the response of each public authority to the R.T.I. requests and also important cases decided by the Commission, to act as a guide to the authorities concerned, with a view to help them in the proper implementation of the Act.2005

The RTI Act 2005 is moving towards the 10th year of its implementation. While there is a need to do an in-depth study of the impact of the Act in the lives of the common citizens, judging by the increasing trend in the number of R.T.I. applications filed from year to year, there is an indication that the Public are becoming more conscious and aware of their rights for information, as provided under the Act. This will go a long way in ensuring accountability and transparency in the functioning of the public authorities as envisaged in the Act and to a large extent acts as a check on the likely irregularities in the implementation of the Government schemes and programmes.

The RTI Act, 2005, no doubt empowers the citizen to get access to information under the control of the public authorities but it cannot be denied that there are elements, who are taking advantage of the Law, by seeking voluminous information on a variety of issues and on different subjects, with the intention to harass and settle personal scores with the Public Information Officer. Such practice is unethical, undesirable and such action is nothing but an abuse of power, thereby making a mockery of the law and the Commission takes a serious view of such abuse of the Law. However, in most cases there were genuine information seekers, who had been deprived of their rights under R.T.I. Act, 2005 and the Commission tried its best to redress their grievances, without any bias, as reflected in some important decisions/orders given in this Report.

In fine, implementation of the R.T.I. Act, 2005 during the year in the state was by and large smooth and hassle free, barring one case ,where an R.T.I. activist was illegally threatened by the village headman for seeking information on the construction of PWD Road. The matter was referred by the Commission to the police for registering the case and for taking appropriate steps as deemed fit.

Under the mandatory provisions of section 25(1) the Act, the State Information Commission is required to compile and prepare the Annual Report on the implementation of the provisions of the Act, during the year or as soon as practicable after the end of each year and forward a copy of the report thereof to the Government. Under section-25(2) each Department, shall in relation to the Public Authorities within their jurisdiction are required to collect and provide information to the State Information Commission as is required to prepare the report and comply with the requirements concerning the furnishing of information and keeping of records. Thereafter, copy of the Annual

Report as prepared by the State Information Commission, in accordance with Section-25(4), is to be laid before the State Legislature by the State Government as soon as practicable.

In this report, we have reflected the total number of requests made and disposed of by the Public Information Officers. The total amount of fees collected. The number of appeals preferred by the appellants, who were aggrieved with the decision of the Departmental Appellate Authority, was also reflected in the Report. The total number of Complaints filed by those information seekers, who failed to get any response from the PIOs or their application rejected, was also indicated. We have also incorporated in the Report some of the important decisions passed by the Commission for the benefit of the PIOs and other functionaries dealing with R.T.I. matters. While preparing the Report, an attempt was made to focus on those items required under various sections of the Act.

The Meghalaya State Information Commission is pleased to present to the State Government of Meghalaya its ninth Report for the period from 1st January, 2014 to 31st of December, 2014.

Chapter – 2

Powers and functions of the Meghalaya State Information Commission.

- 2.1 The Meghalaya State Information Commission was constituted vide Government of Meghalaya 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 C.D. Kynjing IAS (Rtd), assumed charge of the office of the Chief Information Commissioner on 7th July, 2011.

The Meghalaya State Information Commission was constituted to exercise powers and to perform duties and functions as laid down under the provisions of the Act. Section 15(4) of the Act, which 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 Right to Information Act, 2005, 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 of the posts	No. of posts sanctioned	No. of posts filled
1.	State Chief Information Commissioner	1	1
2	Secretary	1	1
3	Under Secretary	1	1
4	Sr. P.S. to C.I.C.	1	1
5	Jr. P.S. to C.I.C.	1	-
6	Superintendent	1	1
7	U.D.A	1	1
8	Computer Assistant/Data Entry Operator	1	1
9	L.D.A.	1	1
10	Driver	2	2
11	Peons	4	2
12	Chowkidar	1	1

- 2.2 The Commission has no office building of its own. At present it carries its functions from the temporary accommodation allotted by the Government on the First Floor of the Administrative Building at Lower Lachumiere, Shillong.

The present official address of the Commission is as follows:-

**Meghalaya State Information Commission,
New Administrative Building,
Lower Lachumiere,
Shillong – 793001
Phone No – (0364) 2500179
Website – www.megsic.gov.in**

2.3 **Nodal Department :**

The Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department is the Nodal Agency for the Information Commission. All matters, Administrative and financial are being taken up and routed through the Nodal Department. The Annual Report prepared by the Commission under Section 25 (1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 is forwarded every year through the Nodal Department for laying the same before the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

2.4 **Duties :**

The State Information 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 provision of the Right to Information Act, 2005 read with Meghalaya Right to Information Rules framed by State Government.

2.5 **Powers and duties of 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	Secretary	Administrative matters of the State Information Commission and overall charge of the office of the Commission, To function as F.A.A. under the R.T.I. Act.
3	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 P.I.O. under the R.T.I. Act.
4	Sr. P.S. to S.C.I.C.	Secretarial assistance and any other works assigned by the State Chief Information Commissioner.
5	Jr. P.S. to S.C.I.C.	-do-

6	Superintendent	General superintendence and discipline of office work, to provide assistance to the Secretary.
7	UDA/LDA	To provide secretarial assistance to the Superintendent
8	Computer Assistant	To provide computer assistance.
9	Grade IV including Drivers	To perform duties as assigned to them by the Secretary in routine course

2.6 Names and designation and particulars of the Information Officers:

Sl.No.	Name of Public Authority	Name & Designation etc. of the Designated Appellate Authority	Names & Designation of the PIO
1.	Meghalaya State Information Commission	Shri S.F. Khongwir, IAS (Retd.) Secretary Meghalaya State Information Commission, Phone – 2500179 (Office) Address: Lower Lachumiere Shillong – 793001, Meghalaya	Shri J.S. Cajee, Under Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission, Phone – 2500179 (Office) Address: Lower Lachumiere Shillong – 793001, Meghalaya

2.7 Budget & Accounts of the Commission:

The Budget for the State Information Commission is published in the Budget book of the Government under Grant No: 13 under the 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 2013-2014 the Budget & Accounts of the Commission and actual expenditure are as follows:

Detailed Head	<u>Budget Head Description</u> 2251-Secretariat Social Services-Non-Plan and State Plan 090-Secretariat (12) Meghalaya Information Commission (RTI Act)-General Area Non-Plan	(In ₹)	
		Budget Provision for the year 2014-2015	Expenditure upto 31-12-2014
01	Salaries	79,000,00.00	51,40,583.00
02	Wages	2,85,000.00	2,20,960.00
06	Medical Treatment	5,31,000.00	48,630.00
11	Domestic Travel Expenses	3,70,000.00	1,65,000.00
13	Office Expenses	5,70,000.00	4,15,602.00
16	Publications	4,85,000.00	61,261.00
21	Supplies & Materials	3,30,000.00	Nil
28	Professional Services	2,00,000.00	Nil
50	Other Charges	1,00,000.00	99,240.00

51	Motor Vehicles	2,00,000.00	1,38,876.00
52	Machinery & Equipment	80,000.00	Nil
	Total	1,10,51,000.00	62,90,152.00

2.8 **Activities undertaken by the Commission during the year:**

- (i) As already stated in the foregoing paragraphs, the main function of the Commission is to hear appeals preferred to and to enquire into the Complaints filed by the aggrieved parties. During the 2014, the Commission had received 41 numbers of Complaints and Appeals. Of these, 38 cases were disposed of by the Commission during the year and the remaining 3 cases were carried over to the next year. The details of receipt and disposal of Complaints and Appeals by the Commission is given in Chapter-3 and Chapter-4 of this report.
- (ii) Preparation and Publication of the Ninth Annual Report of the Commission.
- (iii) During the year, the Commission had taken part in various programmes organized by the State and Central Commissions as follows:-

Date	Place	Nature of Programme
03.03.2014	North East Police Academy, Barapani	Training on R.T.I. Act for Police Officers.
12.09.2014	Nongkrem	Awareness programme on R.T.I. organized by Nongkrem Youth Development Association.
28.10.2014	Shillong, MATI	Training on R.T.I. for State and Central Government officials.
18.11.2014	D.C. office, Jowai	Attended workshop on R.T.I. for officers of West Jaintia Hills District.
01.12.2014	Pine Wood Hotel, Shillong	Workshop on R.T.I. organized by Standing Conference of Public Enterprises.

Chapter – 3

Disposal of Complaints by the State Information Commission:

3.1 Section 18(1) of the R.T.I. Act, 2005, empowers the State Information Commission to receive and inquire into a complaint from any person:-

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

While inquiring into such Complaint 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 the year 2014, a total number of 27 Complaints were received by the Commission. Of these, 25 cases were disposed of during the year and two (2) cases were carried over to the next year. The Department-wise break up of Complaints received and disposed of during the year

is given in the Table 3.1.1. below:

Table 3.1.1.

**Department wise receipt and disposal of Complaints by the Commission
during the year 2014.**

Sl. No.	Name of Department	No. of Complaints pending with Information Commission at end of Last Year	No. of Complaints preferred during the year	Total No. of Complaints with Information Commission	No. of Complaints disposed and acted upon	No. of Complaints Disposed and Rejected
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Home Police		1	1	1	
2	Election		1	1	1	
3	Forest & Environment		2	2	1	
4	Education		13	13	13	
5	Food & Civil Supplies		2	2	2	
6	KHADC, Shillong		1	1	1	
7	Planning Department		2	2	2	
8	PHE		1	1	1	
9	GHADC, Tura		1	1	1	
10	D.C. Shillong		1	1	1	
11	D.C. Baghmara		1	1	1	
12	D.C. Williamnagar		1	1	0	
			27	27	25	

Details of the Complaints disposed by the Commission are shown in the Table 3.1.2. below:

Table 3.1.2.

Details of the Complaints disposed by the Commission during the year – 2014.

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of the Complainant	Name of the PIO/Public Authority
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	MIC/Complaint/ 2/2014/39 Dated 10-03-2014 (Recd 24-01-2014)	Shri Fairson Kharjana, Upper Shillong, East Khasi Hills.	PIO & ADM, Election, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh.

2	MIC/Complaint/4/2014/13 Dated 12-04-2014 (Recd 10-02-2014)	Shri Starneth A. Sangma, Village-Shyamding (Rongsaigiri), P.O. Phulbari, District West Garo Hills, Pin – 794104, Meghalaya, Phone – 9436179048/8471811445	Smti I.G. Momin, Sub- Divisional School Education Officer, and Joint District Mission Coordinator, Dadenggre Sub-Division, Dadenggre, District West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.
3	MIC/Complaint/6/2014/4 Dated 27-02-2014 (Recd 24-02-2014)	Smti Laxmi D. Sangma, West Garo Hills, Tura	PIO, Officer In-charge, Tura Police Station, West Garo Hills, Tura.
4	MIC/Complaint/19/2014/8 Dated 21-04-2014 (Recd 11-03-2014)	Shri Sengton T. Sangma, R/O Balsrigittim Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District, Meghalaya. Phone – 9615835799 & 9856782170	Smti R.K. Sangma, Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, East Garo Hills District, Meghalaya.
5	MIC/Complaint/20/2014/12 Dated 21-04-2013 (Recd 21-03-2014)	Shri Salgring Ch. Marak, Village Dolbari P.O. Rangsakona, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. Phone No.9615780316	Smti P.D. Areng, Sub- Divisional School Education Officer, South West Garo Hills, Ampati, Meghalaya.
6	MIC/Complaint/23/2014/11 Dated 26-05-2014 (Recd 21-04-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Shri Pradeep Kumar, Headmaster, Thangbuli U.P. School, Thangbuli, West Jaintia Hills.
7	MIC/Complaint/24/2014/9 Dated 26-05-2014 (Recd 21-04-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Smti G.Pde, Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Amlarem, Sub-Division, Amlarem, East Jaintia Hills.
8	MIC/Complaint/21/2014/11 Dated 26-05-2014 (Recd 21-04-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Sub-Divisional Officer (Supply), Amlarem, Sub- Division, Amlarem, East Jaintia Hills.
9	MIC/Complaint/26/2014/6 Dated 16-06-2014 (Recd 29-04-2014)	Shri R.Teilang Khyriem, Sunny View, Nongthymmai, Nongshiliang, Shillong – 793014. Phone - 9436164558	The Deputy Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Meghalaya & Public Information Officer.

10	MIC/Complaint/25/2014/8 Dated 16-06-2014 (Recd 29-04-2014)	Shri R.Teilang Khyriem, Sunny View, Nongthymmai, Nongshiliang, Shillong – 793014. Phone - 9436164558	The Project Director, Meghalaya Rural Development Society, PMU Cleve Colony, Near Directorate of Agriculture, Shillong.
11	MIC/Complaint/27/2014/10 Dated 04-08-2014 (Recd 14-05-2014)	Shri Sengjrang D. Shira, S/o Shri Columbus A. Sangma, R/o Konagittim P.O. & P.S. Baghmara, South Garo Hills. Mobile - 9089052982	The Executive Engineer, P.H.E. RWS Division, South Garo Hills, Baghmara & Public Information Officer.
12	MIC/Complaint/28/2014/6 Dated 16-06-2014 (Recd 19-05-2014)	Shri Donbor Singh Sarubai, C/o Shri B.M. Roy Dolloi, Wahlingdoh (Block III), Shillong – 793001. Phone - 8575841766	Shri C.Kharshiing, Joint Secretary to the Executive Committee, Khasi Hill Autonomous District Council, Shillong & Public Information Officer, in- charge Elaka (East & Ri Bhoi)
13	MIC/Complaint/31/2014/10 Dated 22-09-2014 (Recd 06-06-2014)	Suneel Kumar, S/o Mr.Rameshwar Dayal, Village – Manikpur, Post – Alipur Khera, District – Mainpuri (U.P.), 205262.	The Public Information Officer (PIO) & Joint Director, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong.
14	MIC/Complaint/32/2014/10 Dated 22-09-2014 (Recd 06-06-2014)	Suneel Kumar, S/o Mr. Rameshwar Dayal, Village – Manikpur, Post – Alipur Khera, District – Mainpuri (U.P.), 205262	The Public Information Officer (PIO) & Joint Director, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong.
15	MIC/Complaint/33/2014/10 Dated 22-09-2014 (Recd 06-06-2014)	Desh Deepak, S/o Mr. Rameshwar Dayal, Village – Manikpur, Post – Alipur Khera, District – Mainpuri (U.P.), 205262	The Public Information Officer (PIO) & Joint Director, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong.
16	MIC/Complaint/34/2014/10 Dated 22-09-2014 (Recd 06-06-2014)	Desh Deepak, S/o Mr. Rameshwar Dayal, Village – Manikpur, Post – Alipur Khera, District – Mainpuri (U.P.), 205262	The Public Information Officer (PIO) & Joint Director, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong.

17	MIC/Complaint/36/2014/9 Dated 29-09-2014 (Recd 08-08-2014)	Shri Maxbirth G.Momin, Social Welfare Secretary, AYWO (CGB) Tura, Reserve Gittim, Tura, Araimile, New Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. Phone No.8794275617, E-mail maxgabil7@gmail.com.	The Public Information Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, West Garo Hills, Tura.
18	MIC/RP/ Complaint/1/2014/3-A Dated 03-09-2014 (Recd 29-08-2013)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Sub-Divisional Officer (Supply), Amlarem, Sub- Division, Amlarem, East Jaintia Hills.
19	MIC/Complaint/38/2014/4 Dated 08-10-2014 (Recd 15-09-2014)	Shri Curtis Rani, Mawkneng, Sohiong East Khasi Hills, Phone - 9612480497	The Public Information Officer, office of the Deputy Commissioner East Khasi Hills District, Shillong in- charge Development
20	MIC/Complaint/41/2014/4 Dated 15-12-2014 (Recd 26-09-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Shri Kal Buam, Headman of Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150.
21	MIC/Complaint/39/2014/17 Dated 10-10-2014 (Recd 01-10-2014)	Shri Arvind Kumar, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Kuloth khurd, Via-Jakhod, District – Jhunjhunu (RJ), Pin - 333033	PIO, CMJ University, Shillong
22	MIC/Complaint/40/2014/10 Dated 15-12-2014 (Recd 13-10-2014)	Shri Rakran R Marak, S/o (L) Pedingson Sangma, Secretary, All A.chik Youth Federation (AAYF), PO & PS Baghmara, South Garo Hills. Phone No.08575846336	Shri Pilot R. Marak, MCS, Extra Assistant Commissioner, South Garo Hills District, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills, Baghmara.
23	MIC/Complaint/46/2014/6 Dated 11-12-2014 (Recd 08-12-2014)	Sarafat Hussain, Village – Majherchar II, PO & PS Mahendraganj, South West Garo Hills District, Pin – 794106, Meghalaya	Public Information Officer & Headmaster, Beluarchar Upper Primary Madrassa, Majherchar, Mahendraganj, South West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya.

24	MIC/Complaint/47/2014/7 Dated 10-12-2014 (Recd 09-12-2014)	Shri S. Hegde, Bangalore	Director of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya
25	MIC/Complaint/48/2014/5 Dated 11-12-2014 (Recd 11-12-2014)	Surendra Kumar Varma, Village – Narthari Post Gaur, District – Basti, Uttar Pradesh, Pin - 272163	P.I.O., C.M.J. University, Laitumkhrah, Shillong, Meghalaya.

*Two cases were carried over to next year.

Penalties/Compensations awarded during 2014

Sl. No	Case No.	Name of Complaints/ Appellants	Name of PIO/Public Authorities	Amount of Penalty/ Compensation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	MIC/Appeal/ 2/2014/17 Dated 10-03-2014 (Recd 02-01-2014)	Shri T.T.C. Marak, IFS, PCCF, Meghalaya	DAA & PIO, Forests & Environment, Govt. of Meghalaya.	
2	MIC/Complaint/ 4/2014/13 Dated 12-04-2014 (Recd 10-02-2014)	Shri Starneth A. Sangma, Village-Shyamding (Rongsaigiri), P.O. Phulbari, District West Garo Hills, Pin – 794104, Meghalaya, Phone – 9436179048/ 8471811445	Smti I.G. Mmin, Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, and Joint District Mission Coordinator, Dadenggre Sub- Division, Dadenggre, District West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.	Penalty ₹ 7500/-
3	MIC/Complaint/ 23/2014/11 Dated 26-05-2014 (Recd 21-04-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@ gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Shri Pradeep Kumar, Headmaster, Thangbuli U.P. School, Thangbuli, West Jaintia Hills.	Penalty ₹ 1250/-
4	MIC/Complaint/ 40/2014/10 Dated 15-12-2014 (Recd 13-10-2014)	Shri Rakran R Marak, S/o (L) Pedingson Sangma, Secretary, All A.chik Youth Federation (AAYF), PO & PS Baghmara, South Garo Hills. Phone No.08575846336	Shri Pilot R. Marak, MCS, Extra Assistant Commissioner, South Garo Hills District, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills, Baghmara.	Penalty ₹ 6500/-

3.1.3 Table 3.1.3 below indicates year-wise disposal of Complaints by the Commission during the last 9 years.

Table 3.1.3

Year	Total Nos. of Complaints	Nos. of Complaints disposed	Nos. Of Complaints rejected
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	-
2013	32	32	-
2014	27	25	-

3.2 Reasons for filing of Complaints to the State Information Commission:

Most of the Complaints lodged with the Commission were due to violation of Sec-18 (1) (b) and 18 (1) (c) of the R.T.I. Act, 2005, that is refusal to give access to any information within the time limit specified under the Act. There were few cases which were filed under Sub section – (1) Clause (e) of section -18 that is for giving incomplete and misleading information.

Table 3.2.1 below give a picture of the Complaints filed under different Sub-sections and Clauses of section – 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Table 3.2.1

Details of Section, Sub-sections and Clauses which Complaints were filed with the Commission:

Section, Sub-sections and Clauses	Nos. of Complaints carried over from last year	Nos. of Complaints filed during the year	Total Nos. of Complaints with the Commission	No. of Complaints disposed	Nos. of Complaints rejected
18 (1) (a)					
18 (1) (b)		22	22	22	
18 (1) (c)		3	3	3	
18 (1) (d)					
18 (1) (e)		2	2		
18 (1) (f)					

Chapter – 4

Hearing and disposal of Second Appeals by the Commission:

4.1 Another important function of the State Information Commission is to receive and hear appeals preferred to by the Information seekers against the PIOs and Designated Appellate Authorities (DAA). Section 19 of the R.T.I. Act, 2005, provides that:-

- (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 a total number of 12 appeals were received by the State Information Commission and 2 (two) appeals were carried over from the previous year. Hence there were all together 14 appeals available with the Commission for disposal during the year.

Out of these 14 (fourteen) appeals, 13 (thirteen) were disposed of and 1 (one) was carried over to next year.

Department-wise receipt and disposal of Second appeals by the State Information Commission is given in Table 4.1.1.

Table 4.1.1.

Department-wise receipt and disposal of Appeals by the Commission:

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	No. of appeals pending with the Commission at the end of last year	No. of appeals preferred during the year	Total No. of appeals with the Commission	No. of Appeals Disposed	No. of Appeals Rejected
1	KHADC	1	1	2	2	-
2	Forest & Environment	1	1	2	2	-
3	Education	-	4	4	4	-
4	Govt. Secretariat	-	1	1	1	-
5	C & RD	-	2	2	2	-
6	D.C. Nongpoh	-	1	1	1	-
7	Home Police	-	1	1	1	-
8	Sports & Youth Affairs	-	1	1	-	-
	Total	2	12	14	13	

*One appeal was carried to next year.

Table 4.2.1.

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

Appeals Disposed during 2014

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Appellant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Appeal/ 1/2013/1 Dated 21-04-2014 (Recd 06-12-2013)	Shri Banbhalang Diengdoh, Umpling, Dong Sharum, Shillong.	Shri W.Syiemlieh, Secretary to the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Meghalaya, Shillong. Shri R.S.Wanniang, Joint Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Meghalaya, Shillong (carry over from 2013)
2	MIC/Appeal/ 2/2014/17 Dated 10-03-2014 (Recd 02- 01- 2014)	Shri T.T.C.Marak, IFS, PCCF, Meghalaya.	DAA & PIO, Forests & Environment, Govt. of Meghalaya.
3	MIC/Appeal/ 13/2013/2 Dated 03-02-2014 (Recd 13- 11-2013)	Shri Bankhrawnam Thangkhiew, 3rd Mile, Nongkseh, Shillong	(1) Shri C.Kharshiing, PIO, Under Secretary, KHADC, Shillong (2) Shri R.Wanniang, DAA, Joint Secretary, KHADC, Shillong. (carry over from 2013)
4	MIC/Appeal/ 3/2014/51 Dated 05-05-2014 (Recd 12- 03-2014)	Shri M.Balakrishna Reddy, IFS, S/o (Late) M.A.Reddy, Resident of Forest Officers' Quarter, Opposite Daphnie's Corner, Forest Colony, Polo, Shillong – 793001, Meghalaya.	Shri M.S.Rao, IAS, Principal Secretary, Forests & Environment Department, Meghalaya & Departmental Appellate Authority. Smti A. Nikhla, Deputy Secretary, Forests & Environment Department, Meghalaya & Public Information Officer.
5	MIC/ Appeal/8/2014/5 Dated 29-04-2014 (Recd 24- 04-2014)	Shri Abul Hashem, Nayagoan, P.O. Bhaitbari, Dadenggiri, P.S. Phulbari for information. Phone - 9954812310	First Appellate Authority (FAA), viz, Principal Secretary, Education Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.
6	MIC/ Appeal/9/2014/5 Dated 06-05-2014 (Recd 29- 04-2014)	Shri R.Teilang Khyriem, Sunny View, Nongthymmai, Nongshiliang, Shillong – 793014. Phone - 9436164558	The Principal Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya, Shillong & Departmental Appellate Authority. The Deputy Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya, Shillong & Public Information Officer
7	MIC/Appeal/ 10/2014/7 Dated 07-05-2014 (Recd 02- 05-2014)	Shri Mohibul Islam, Old Bhaitbari, P.S. Phulbari, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya. Phone - 08257026283	The Block Development Officer, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills & FAA, for information & necessary action.

8	MIC/Appeal/ 11/2014/10 Dated 07-07-2014 (Recd 06- 06-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@ gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Shri P.S.Dkhar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai. Shri B.Sungoh, Block Development Officer, C&TF Block Amlarem, West Jaintia Hills.
9	MIC/Appeal/ 12/2014/21 Dated 21-07-2014 (Recd 16- 06-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@ gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	DAA, Smti M.Pde, District School Education Officer, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai. PIO, Smti Lilydora Pohlang, Headmistress, Amwi Secondary School, Thangbuli, West Jaintia Hills Deemed-PIO, Shri Chesterford Khyriem, Secretary, School Managing Committee, Amwi Secondary School, Thangbuli, West Jaintia Hills
10	MIC/Appeal/ 14/2014/17 Dated 15-09-2014 (Recd 30- 07-2014)	Smti Meristella Lamare, U.D. Assistant, Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh.	Dr.(Mrs.) Pooja Pandey, IAS, FAA & Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh. Shri K.L.Nongbri, PIO & Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh.
11	MIC/Appeal/ 18/2014/18 Dated 26-09-2014 (Recd 24- 09- 2014)	Shri Suman Pradhan, son of Sukanta Pradhan, Vill+PO – Srikantha, P.S. Moyna District – Purba Medinipur, Pin – 721629, West Bengal.	PIO, CMJ University, Shillong.
12	MIC/Appeal/ 19/2014/4 Dated 30-09-2014 (Recd 24- 09- 2014)	Shri Chintamani Behra, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Madanpur, Tehsil – Kharsia, District – Raipur, Chattisgarh - 496661	PIO, CMJ University, Shillong
13	MIC/Appeal/ 20/2014/21 Dated 10-12-2014 (Recd 09- 12-2014)	Smti Agnes Kharshiing, Bomfyle Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong – 793003, Phone No.94361-18164	1. First Appellate Authority, Office of the Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills, Shillong. 2. Public Information Officer, Office of the Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills, Shillong.

Table 4.2.2.

Table below indicates year wise disposal of Second appeals by the Commission during the last nine years:

Year	Total Nos. of Appeals	Nos. of Appeals disposed	Nos. of Appeals Rejected
2006	6	6	-
2007	18	18	-
2008	23	20	-
2009	37	34	-
2010	17	14	1
2011	13	8	5
2012	8	4	-
2013	17	15	-
2014	14	13	-

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 2014 imposed the following penalties as indicated in Table 5.1.1.

Table 5.1.1

Penalties awarded during 2014 by the State Information Commission:

Sl. No	Case No.	Name of Complaints/ Appellants	Name of PIO/Public Authorities	Amount of Penalty/ Compensation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	MIC/Complaint/ 4/2014/13 Dated 12-04-2014 (Recd 10-02-2014)	Shri Starneth A. Sangma, Village-Shyamding (Rongsaigiri), P.O. Phulbari, District West Garo Hills, Pin – 794104, Meghalaya, Phone – 9436179048/ 8471811445	Smti I.G. Momin, Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, and Joint District Mission Coordinator, Dadenggre Sub-Division, Dadenggre, District West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.	Penalty ₹ 7500/-

2	MIC/Complaint/ 23/2014/11 Dated 26-05-2014 (Recd 21-04-2014)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, 793150. E-mail: dimimemont@ gmail.com. Mobile – 9856040879.	Shri Pradeep Kumar, Headmaster, Thangbuli U.P. School, Thangbuli, West Jaintia Hills.	Penalty ₹ 1250/-
3	MIC/Complaint/ 40/2014/10 Dated 15-12-2014 (Recd 13-10-2014)	Shri Rakran R Marak, S/o (L) Pedingson Sangma, Secretary, All A.chik Youth Federation (AAYF), PO & PS Bagmara, South Garo Hills, Phone No. 08575846336	Shri Pilot R. Marak, MCS, Extra Assistant Commissioner, South Garo Hills District, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills, Baghmara.	Penalty ₹ 6500/-

5.2 Disciplinary Proceedings:

The State Information Commission has during 2014, recommended drawal of Departmental proceedings against Smti W.M. Nampui, Joint Secretary and PIO, Forest and Environment Department, in the Case No-MIC/Appeal/2/2014/17 T.T.C.Marak, IFS, Ex-PCCF vrs PIO, Forest & Environment Department.

Chapter – 6

Highlights of some of important decisions of the Commission.

Orders passed by the Commission during 2014:

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/2/2014/39

Shri Fairson Kharjana, Upper Shillong - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O.,& ADM, in-charge Election, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh - Respondent

10-3-2014

ORDER

Case record put up today.

The Complainant, Shri Fairson Kharjana, is present. The Respondent-PIO & ADM in-charge Election, Ri Bhoi District is present. She has brought all the documents as in accordance with the order dated 19th February, 2014.

The Complainant in his submission stated that he had applied for information on 24th November, 2013. No information was furnished to him about the fate of his application. He stated that it may be a fact that the information is bulky, but then other PIOs had provided similar information within the time prescribed. He also informed that in the meantime he received the information furnished by the Respondent-PIO.

The Respondent-PIO in her submission stated that the information sought by the Complainant is very bulky and it had to be compiled. It took quite some time since there was so many works during the period in view of the Election. Hence the information could not be furnished in time. However, to the best of her ability, all efforts were made and the information was compiled and furnished to the Complainant.

The Commission perused the documents provided by the Respondent-PIO and agreed that the information sought is very bulky containing so many pages and the papers have to be sorted out before compilation work is done before such kind of information could be provided. After going through the records of the case, the Commission is of the view that applicant should have been informed in time that the information as required by him requires a lot of time and effort to sort out and compile and hence he should be asked to inspect the documents and whatever documents required by him should be indicated and the copies should be made after depositing the necessary copying charges. Section 7(9) of RTI Act 2005 clearly provides that **“an information shall ordinarily provide in the form in which it is sought unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority.....”**. This provision clearly provides that furnishing of information to the

applicant should be such that it should not affect the resources of the Public Authority by compiling such huge data. Compilation of information in this manner would be a constraint both in terms of time and money to the Public Authority and should be avoided. While it is the mandate of the Commission to ensure that PIOs furnish the information in time, it is also has to ensure that the resources of the Public Authority should not be diverted, as referred, beyond the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

After going through the records and the documents made available to the Commission, it is of the opinion that the Respondent-PIO had made efforts to furnish the information beyond that which is required of her and therefore found there is reasonable cause for the delay and hence restraint from penalizing the PIO. However, the Respondent-PIO is also cautioned that in future, any RTI application should be handled properly and information should be provided to the applicant within the time limit prescribed by the Act.

Case is disposed off.

(C.D.Kynjing)
C.I.C.

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/20/2014/12

Shri Salgring Ch. Marak, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	-	Complainant
- Vrs -		
P.I.O., & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati	-	Respondent

21-4-2014

ORDER

Case records put up today.

The Complainant is present. The Respondent-PIO is also present. The Complainant submitted that he submitted an RTI application on 11th February, 2014 which was duly received by the PIO and kacha receipt of Rs.10/- was provided to him. He complained that information on :

- (i) score sheets of the interview dated 21st July, 2009 with regards to the selection and appointment of teachers to the Government Lower Primary School. – was not provided to him.
- (ii) all the unsuccessful candidates who appeared for the interview and applied for the post of Assistant Teacher Government Lower Primary School – has not been provided to him.
- (iii) all the applicants who applied for the post of Assistant Teacher Government Lower Primary School, their age and individual qualification and experience of all the applicants – was also not provided to him.
- (iv) the list of candidates who had passed the State Eligibility Test only Roll No – was provided to him.

The Respondent-PIO in her submission stated that the Advertisement, conduct of the interview etc. for the post of Assistant Teacher in Government Lower Primary Schools was conducted by the Directorate of Elementary & Mass Education (DEME) and hence all the records are maintained by their office. Only records available with her was the list of successful candidates including waiting list, and the roll number of the candidates who passed the State Eligibility Test was available with her and was accordingly provided to him.. And since this information have been already been provided the Respondent-PIO she has fully complied with the RTI Act, 2005 and therefore no further action may kindly be taken.

The Commission noted the submissions made by both the parties and after verification of the records available has no reason to take action against the PIO. However, to ensure the correctness of the statement, the Respondent-PIO & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati is directed to submit an affidavit before the Commission to the effect that whatever records available in connection with the application has been furnished and the rest of the documents sought for is not available in the office. The Commission also observe that Respondent-PIO while receiving money has given only kacha receipt which is irregular. In future, a pucca Government receipt should be given of whatever amount received by the Respondent-PIO a pucca Govt. receipt should be given in respect of RTI matters.

Fix. **12th May 2014 at 12:00 Noon** for submission of an affidavit.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C.

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/4/2014/13

Shri Starneth A.Sangma, West Garo Hills, Tura - Complainant

- Vrs -

The P.I.O., & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Dadenggiri - Respondent

12-5-2014

ORDER

Case records put up today.

The Complainant, Shri Starneth A.Sangma is absent. The Respondent-PIO & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, and Joint District Mission Coordinator, Dadenggre is present.

The brief of the case and the allegations of the Complainant has been brought to her notice since she claimed that she did not receive the Commission's Orders dated 25th March, 2014

In her submission, she stated that it is a fact that she has received an RTI application on 28th November, 2013 and the information was made ready on the 23th December, 2013. However, information could not be furnished to the Complainant nor was it sent to him by post as she was busy with official works before the Christmas holidays. In the circumstances, she regretted that she could not furnish the information as required.

After hearing her submission, the Commission is convinced that there has been negligence on her part in not complying with the provisions of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 since the information was not furnished within a period of 30 days and even after the Complainant had met her. The Commission has decided to impose a penalty on the Respondent PIO for her failure to comply with the provisions of the Act. By the powers conferred on the Commission under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005, a Penalty of ₹ 7,500/- (Rupees seven thousand five hundred) for her failure to furnish the information for 30 days @ ₹ 250/- per day with effect from 29th December, 2013 the date the information is due, to 28th January, 2014, the date of complaint. She is required to deposit the above amount by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India at Dadenggre under the Head of Account **"0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – I under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by the Commission"** within the period of 30 days from the date of this Order with intimation to this Commission.

The information required also should be furnished to the Complainant free of cost within a period of 15 days from the date of this order.

Fix. **20th June 2014** for compliance report. .

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/27/2014/6.

Shri Dondor Singh Sarubai, Shella, East Khasi Hills	-	Complainant
- Vrs -		
P.I.O., Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong	-	Respondent

16-6-2014

ORDER

Case records put up today.

The Complainant, Shri Dondor Singh Sarubai is present. The Respondent-PIO & Joint Secretary, Khasi Hill Autonomous District Council, Shillong, in-charge Elaka (East & Ri Bhoi) is also present.

The Complainant stated in his submission that he had submitted an RTI application to the PIO on 3rd March, 2014, which was duly received by him. However, till date he has not received the information as applied for and hence the complaint. He requested that necessary action be taken as per law.

The Respondent PIO in his submission stated that on receipt of the application, he immediately sent a letter dated 10th March, 2014 to the Acting Wahadadar Shella Confederacy by special messenger seeking his assistance to furnish the information which should reach his office within ten days so that necessary action could be taken according to the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. In this connection, he received a letter on 21st April, 2014, where the acting Wahadadar in return, asked the Secretary of the Dorbar Shnong Shella to collect the information and send to his office within 10 days for necessary action. This was intimated to Shri Dondor Singh Sarubai by the Respondent PIO vide his letter No.DC.XXVII/Genl/21/2014/4 dated 22nd April, 2014. The Respondent PIO informed that the Dorbar Shnong normally do not send such records to his office as there are quite a number of meetings etc. which were held. Normally, after each meeting and only when approval of the District Council is required that the relevant papers are enclosed. In this case, since the papers were not available to him, he had to ask the information from the Acting Wahadadar. He also stated that the Acting Wahadadar is not covered by the notification date 10th March, 2009, where the Elaka was declared as Public Authority and required to appoint PIO and hence he had taken action as stated above.

The Commission perused all the documents and found that Acting Wahadadar hold an important office should have collected the information immediately and send to the Respondent PIO for necessary action as requested by him. Instead he has in turn requested the Secretary of the Dorbar Shnong to furnish the information which has caused delay in this case. The Acting Wahadadar of Shella Confederacy from whom the PIO has sought information is covered by section 5 (5) of the RTI Act, 2005 and therefore he is a deemed PIO. His failure to take necessary action on the request of the PIO and not providing him

assistance required will attract provision of section 5 (5) as stated above and he could be penalized along with the PIO for failure to furnish the information.

On the assurance that the information will be collected and furnish to the complainant within 15 days, the Commission has taken a lenient view of the matter and shall await the compliance, otherwise both the PIO and the deemed PIO shall be liable under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Fix. **18th July, 2014** for compliance.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/27/2014/10

Shri Sengjrang D.Shira, South Garo Hills, Baghmara - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., & Executive Engineer, P.H.E., RWS Division, Baghmara - Respondent

4-8-2014

ORDER

Case records put up today.

The Complainant Shri Sengjrang D. Shira is present. The Respondent PIO and Executive Engineer PHE (RWS) Division, Baghmara, Smti Valeria W. Momin is also present today.

The facts of the case are that, the Complainant on 30th January, 2014 submitted an application under RTI requesting for:

- i. Copy of available scheme during 2012-14
- ii. Copy of total amount received for the said scheme during the year 2012-13, also the detail expenditure incurred/utilized for the same. Specify the name of the person (s)/ organization (s) if allotted through them.

According to the Complainant, he received a reply No.EEB/PHE/TB-207/406, dated Baghmara the 5th March 2014 from the Respondent PIO informing him as follows:

- (i) Purchase of New Diesel Welding machine Vide No.PHE.332/2010/33-A dated Shillong, 19th March, 2013.
- (ii) Amount-Rs.4,40,000.00 (Rupees Four lakhs forty thousand) only. Quotation for the same ask for. No expenditure incurred yet.

The Complainant in his submission, stated that the reply furnished by the Respondent PIO is incomplete and it cannot be accepted that for the financial year 2012-2013 the Division would be implemented only this scheme. The information furnished therefore appears to be incorrect and prayed to the Commission that appropriate action be taken accordingly against the Respondent PIO.

The Respondent PIO in her submission stated that the Complainant had met her and when she asked him about the schemes that he is interested it appears that he has indicated only this scheme. She admitted that there are other schemes also which was implemented by her Division but due to this misunderstanding only this was furnished. She also stated that if he is interested to get information on the other scheme she would gladly provide to him. On perusal of the records and submissions by the parties, the Commission regretted to note that such simple information, which should have been made available to the applicant

without any requirement for clarification etc. could have been given to him at the first instances thereby avoiding a lot of trouble for both the Complainant and the Respondent PIO. The Respondent PIO is cautioned and should note that in future this should not be repeated and the Commission will take a serious view if the provisions of the RTI Act, are not strictly followed. On the assurance of the Respondent PIO that all required information will be furnished to the Complainant, free of cost, on the 18th August, 2014, the Commission deemed it fit that the case be disposed off. The Complainant, however, is at liberty to come back to the Commission if the assurance is not met.

Case disposed of.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC.RP/Complaint/1/2014/3

Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli, West Jaintia Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

Sub-Divisional Officer, (Supply) Amlarem, Sub-Division, Amlarem - Respondent

3-9-2014

ORDER

Seen the petition, dated 29th August, 2014, of Shri Dimimemon Tariang praying for review of the orders of the Commission No.MIC/Complaint/21/2014/18 dated 11th August, 2014. In his petition, he admitted that the messenger from the Supply Department of S.D.O. (C), Amlarem met him at Amlarem but he refused to accept the information from her on the pretext that it was not his address for correspondence. He also alleged that the S.D.O. (C), Supply, Amlarem Civil Sub Division did not send the reply to him otherwise he would have received it in his home address at Amlarem and therefore the Respondent PIO has not complied with the orders of the Commission. In the circumstances, he prayed for review of the orders of the Commission dated 11th August, 2014.

The Commission noted with regret that a simple matter was made complicated unnecessarily. He could have received the documents and come up specifically as to what the PIO has not complied. The Commission is not a forum for the citizens to litigate and air their grievances against the system. Its mandate under the RTI Act 2005 is to ensure that legitimate information, when asked for, should not be denied unless exempted. For its successful implementation, it needs the cooperation of the citizens and the PIO's of the Public Authorities. In this particular case, the Complainant has admitted that the messenger tried to deliver the information to him which he refused on some flimsy ground without reading the contents. On the other hand, copies of the information supposed to be given are available with the Commission, which therefore, appears to the Commission that the PIO did try to comply with its orders.

Since there is neither new important matter of evidence nor any mistake apparent of the face of the records, as submitted by the complainant, in connection with the orders of the Commission, the petition for review is rejected.

Case disposed of.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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Case. No. MIC/Complaint/31/2014/11

Suneel Kumar, Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh	-	Complainant
-Vrs-		
PIO & Jt. Director, D.H.T.E., Meghalaya, Shillong	-	Respondent

22-9-2014

ORDER

Case records put up today on receipt of the translated version of the Hindi communications by the Complainant.

On perusal of the records, it appears that the two complaint cases **No. Misc/Complaint/31/2014 & No. Misc/Complaint/32/2014** relates to the same person and the same subject matter and therefore has to be enquired at the same time. Hence, the two cases have been clubbed together. The case in brief is that, the Complainant Shri Suneel Kumar has submitted two applications on 28th April, 2014 and one on 12th May, 2014, to the PIO & Joint Director, Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya. The Complainant alleged that the information as requested was not received by him from the Respondent PIO. Hence, he has submitted a Complaint on 2nd June, 2014, followed by another letter on 26th June, 2014 giving details of his applications. In the meantime, the Commission has already taken cognizance of the complaint and has initiated the enquiry vide orders dated 12th June, 2014. The information required was mainly regarding the validity of the degrees awarded by the CMJ University and the role and responsibility and duties of the Government in monitoring the functioning of the CMJ and other related matters therewith. The Complainant, while submitting his applications, has also asked a number of queries followed by one letter after another as stated above.

The Respondent PIO in his submission stated that the public authority received the application in Hindi and vide No.DHTE/RTI/1/2014-15/Pt.I/29 dated 28th May, 2014 has also sent a reply with regards to the RTI application dated 28th April, 2014. Thereafter, with regards to the application dated 12th May, 2014 he had written to the Complainant asking him to make an application in English as it has become very difficult to understand the contents therewith. He also informed the Complainant again on the 14th July, 2014 that reply to his application regarding the ten points have also been furnished as mentioned above. Thereafter vide No.DHTE/RTI/1/2013/Pt.I/160 dated 14th July, 2014 reply was also furnished with regards to his application dated 12th May, 2014. Under the circumstances, the Respondent PIO stated that in spite of the language communication problem, he has tried his best to furnish the reply. He admitted that there was a slight delay in view of the problem of understanding the language which was written in Hindi. He also informed that a part of the information was transferred to the PIO Education Department. He assured the Commission that whatever information required will be provided as deemed fit by it under

the circumstances and also prayed to the Commission that the slight delay occurred, due to the communication problem, may be condoned and the Complaint may be dropped.

The Commission perused the translated versions of the Complaint and also the applications made by the Complainant as well as the submissions made by the Respondent PIO. It is unfortunate that the Complainant in his enthusiasm to obtain copies of the documents and information from the public authority has written a number of letters which appears to be both query form and also asking for copies of documents as required by him. This is understandable in view of the unfortunate situation in the functioning of the CMJ University, which is likely to affect most of the students who graduated from the University. Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 clearly provides that the application could be made either in **“English or Hindi or in the official language of the area which the application is being made”**. Though it is a fact that in these areas very few officials could read and write Hindi, it cannot be an excuse for not sending the reply or for insisting the applicant to send his application only in English. While it may be true that the Respondent PIO is not able to understand and send all the information as required in time, it is also equally true that in his enthusiasm the applicant has sent communication in query, which is not in accordance with the Act. The Commission perused the reply furnished by the Respondent PIO and also the supplementary papers which he has received in the mean time, regarding the dissolution of the CMJ University. To meet the ends of justice and the requirements of the RTI Act, 2005, all these additional documents are directed to be furnished to the Complainant within a period of 15 days from the date of this order, if it has not done earlier.

The Commission also observes that under the RTI Act, citizens from across the country desiring to obtain information under RTI from Meghalaya could make an **“application either in Hindi or English or in the official language of the area in which the application is being made”** as mentioned above. It is not correct to direct the applicant to make the application only in English as it is his/her right to make in Hindi also. In view thereof, it is recommended that the State Government may appoint an official Hindi translator so that all such applications are translated immediately as it is a statutory requirement that information should be furnished within 30 days of the receipt, unless exempted under the provisions of the Act, to avoid delay which may lead to invoking section 20 of the Act. Send a copy to the Nodal Department i.e. Personnel & A.R. Department for necessary action.

Fix. **13th October, 2014** for compliance.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/40/2014/10.

Shri Rakran R Marak, South Garo Hills, Baghmara - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., C&RD Block Baghmara, South Garo Hills - Respondent

15-12-2014

ORDER

The Complainant is absent. The then Respondent PIO, Shri Pilot R. Marak is present.

The case in brief is that, the Complainant Shri Rakran R. Marak has submitted an application under RTI for information on some schemes under BRGF and also copy of the estimate on the on the blacktopping of Jaisrugittim to Darangdura road under BTRRS and other related matters on 5th August, 2014 along with application fee of Rs.10/-. On 1st October, 2014, he complained to the Commission that he has not received any information.

During the initial enquiry, it appears that the application dated 5th Aug 2014 was received in the public authority during the tenure of Shri Pilot R. Marak, MCS and BDO. He handed over charge of the post of BDO only on 8th September, 2014. In view thereof he is considered PIO responsible for furnishing the application to the Complainant. In view hereof a show cause notice was issued to him.

The then Respondent PIO, Shri Pilot R. Marak in his submission stated that the application was not received by him but by his office assistant, who did not put up the case to him and therefore he is not aware of the RTI application. He also stated that he has other responsibilities as he had to function as E.A.C. in the DC's office and other assignments and therefore he was very busy with other works. He also stated that the Complainant did not meet and remind him about his application and hence it was not attended to.

The submission of the respondent PIO is not tenable. Any receipt in the office should have been put up to him as the BDO and to say that the application was not shown to him for one month by the Assistant is unthinkable. His submission that he was busy with other works and therefore could not look into the matter is not acceptable. It is also not the duty of the applicant to meet him or remind him of the application as it is the responsibility of the PIO under the RTI Act 2005 to comply with the provisions. Under the circumstances the Commission finds it difficult to accept his submission and has come to the conclusion that he has denied the information for 26 days from 5th Sept 2014 till the date of filing the complaint which is 1st October, 2014 and therefore liable to be penalized as provided under section 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005.

By the powers conferred on the Commission under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005, a Penalty of ₹ 6,500/- (Rupees six thousand five hundred) is imposed on him for his failure to furnish the information for 26 days @ ₹ 250/- per day with effect from 5th September,

2014 the date the information is due, to 1-10-2014, the date of complaint. He is required to deposit the above amount by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India at Baghmara under the Head of Account **“0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – I under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by the Commission”** within the period of 30 days from the date of this Order with intimation to this Commission.

Fix. **30th January, 2015** for compliance.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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Case. No. MIC/Appeal/11/2014/10

Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli, West Jaintia Hills	-	Appellant
-Vrs-		
1. F.A.A., & D.C., West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.	}	
2. PIO & B.D.O., Amlarem C&RD Block, Amlarem	}	
	-	Respondents

7-7-2014**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Appellant Shri Dimimemon Tariang is present. The Respondent-PIO viz., the Block Development Officer, C&RD Block, Amlarem is also present.

The Appellant in his submission stated that he could not submit his application under RTI Act, 2005 to any official in the Public Authority in the Block Development Office, Amlarem C & RD Block, since nobody was present at 4 O'clock on 21st March, 2014 when he went to the office. Hence he gave it with the application fee of ₹ 10/- to the only person available there, who claimed he can receive it. Unfortunately, he did not receive any reply from the Respondent-PIO even after 30 days. Thereafter, he submitted the First Appeal to the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District & D.A.A., on 1st May, 2014. The DAA instead of deciding on his appeal has simply forwarded it to the Respondent-PIO for necessary action. Thereafter, he received a letter from the Respondent-PIO asking him to deposit an amount of ₹ 24/- for making copies of the information to which he protested and argued that it has to be provided free of cost since the information has been delayed. He, therefore, appealed to the Commission to enquire into the matter and take necessary action accordingly.

The Respondent-PIO in his submission claimed that the original application was not received by his office and he only received a Xerox copy from the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills dated 15.5.2014 and the application fee have not been paid so far. In spite of that, action was taken and a letter was issued to him to collect the documents available after payment of the requisite fee. Instead, he received a letter from the Appellant demanding that the information should be given free of cost. Since he is not a BPL member, he has to pay a photo copying charges before the copies are given to him.

The Commission examined the matter and regretted to state that the case has been wrongly dealt at all levels. If the allegation of the Appellant is true that there is nobody in the office at 4:00 PM to receive an RTI application, it reflects a very sad state of affairs on the functioning of the public authority. According to Section 6(1) of the Act, an application could be submitted either to the APIO or to the PIO. In this case, the application has been handed over to someone in the office, who does not know what an RTI Application is about and is not authorized to receive such an application, which has resulted in the whole confusion. At that time, it was expected that the office should still be open. If the PIO has some official work, someone should have been authorized to look after the office there and to take

care of official works, including receipt of the application, which does not appear to be the case here. It is also unfortunate that when the first appeal was submitted by the Appellant, the case should have been disposed off appropriately instead of simply forwarding to the Respondent-PIO, which is not in accordance with the provisions of section 19 (c) of the RTI Act. The DAA could have decided on the application and issue directions accordingly. It is not expected of it to act as a Post Office for simply forwarding the appeal petition.

From the above, it is clear there have been mistakes at all levels in processing this case. The allegation that the application fee was not received cannot be accepted in view of the fact that someone who was there in the office has acknowledged receipt of the application along with the application fee of ₹ 10/-.

The Commission has taken a serious note of the matter. As provided under section 19 (8) (a) of the RTI Act, it hereby issues a direction to the Public Authority to ensure that the office always remains open during office hours to enable any interested applicant to file an application under RTI Act. To facilitate this process, the higher authorities in the District, including the Deputy Commissioner should ensure that this is adhered to. When the PIO have some official duties, some official should always be available during office hours to receive the application under RTI Act.

Taken all matters into consideration, the Commission is of the considered view that in the interest of justice, the information available with Respondent PIO should be provided to the Applicant free of cost within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and issues a direction accordingly.

With this direction the appeal is disposed of.

Fix. **1st August 2014** for compliance.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Appeal/14/2014/17

Smti Meristella Lamare, UDA, D.C., Office, Nongpoh - Appellant

- Vrs -

1. PIO & ADC., O/o the D.C., Office, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh }
2. FAA & Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh } - Respondents

15-9-2014

ORDER

Case record put up today.

The appellant, Smti. Meristella Lamare is present. She has submitted a petition before the Commission requesting that Shri E. Kharkongor may be allowed to assist her during the hearing. Prayer is allowed. The respondent PIO & Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh, Shri K.L. Nongbri is present and the FAA and Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh, Dr. (Mrs)Pooja Pandey is also present. Both of them submitted their replies to the show cause.

On behalf of the appellant, Shri E. Kharkongor has submitted a written submission and in his brief oral submission has submitted that the appellant, Smti. Meristella Lamare has submitted a representation dated 6th February, 2014 to the Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi Nongpoh, claiming that being the senior most U.D.A., promotion should be given to her in a vacancy available in the C&RD Block. The FAA & Deputy Commissioner on seeing the representation told the appellant that she is not eligible for promotion due to some adverse remarks in some of her Annual Confidential Report (ACR). She was shocked to hear this as no such adverse remarks was conveyed to her earlier. To understand the position clearly, she filed an application under proviso of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 requesting that the A.C.Rs for the year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 be provided to her. Interestingly on 2nd May, 2014, the adverse remarks for the year 2010, 2012 and 2013 was conveyed to her by the FAA & Deputy Commissioner. Later she received letter No.DCRB(CN)A.R/1/2013/46, dated 19th May, 2014 that the document sought cannot be disclosed, giving reference of the earlier orders of the Central Information Commission (CIC) dated 13th July, 2006 and 19th February, 2009 without mentioning decision of which CIC was referred to. Thereafter, the appellant submitted a first appeal on 23rd May, 2014 to the FAA and D.C., Ri Bhoi with a request that A.C.Rs be provided to her. The FAA and D.C., Ri Bhoi, instead of disposing the appeal, informed the appellant vide No.DCRB(CN) A.R/1/2013/48, dated 26th May, 2014 that the RTI application cannot be disclosed as the appellant did not substantiate with evidence that there are threats to her life enclosing an extract copy, supposedly of the CIC decision. At the same time, she was also asked for evidence to substantiate the threat to her life. In reply to this letter, the appellant has submitted details of the fact that she was denied of promotion and therefore this is directly a threat to her life and liberty and violate of the provisions of the Constitution since she has been denied legitimate promotion in her service career as clearly explained in detail in her letter dated 29th May, 2014. Since there was no response from the FAA and D.C., Ri Bhoi, the appellant directly filed an appeal date 30th June 2014 to the Commission, also enclosing the details of the steps taken in connection with the RTI application. The Commission, vide MIC/Appeal/13/2014/12 dated 2nd July, 2014 directed the FAA to dispose the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt of the order and fix 21st July, 2014 for

compliance. Unfortunately, the appellant stated that the FAA failed to comply with the directions of the Commission, when the appeal was expected to be disposed of, normally within 30 days, according to section 19(6) of the RTI Act, 2005. Since no action was taken by the FAA, the appellant has no option but to come to the Commission by way of second appeal on 30th July, 2014. In the meantime *vide* No.DCRB(E)2/78/Pt.6/158, dated 23rd July, 2014 the appellant was temporarily allowed to officiate as Accountant in the Umling C&RD Block. He further submitted that the denial of ACRs is not only a direct threat to the life and liberty of the appellant, but denial of evidence for her which is required by her to seek redressal and has resulted grievous injury to her service career. He submitted that adverse remarks in the ACRs, as communicated by the Deputy Commissioner, such as **“unfit for promotion”** (2010) and **“not fit for any promotion”** (2012), **“need serious behavior change and integrity is doubtful”** (2013) are very serious and will damage her whole service career.

Besides communicating the adverse entries in time to enable her to represent, the ACRs should have been provided to her under RTI much earlier. Under the guidelines of the Personnel Department, Meghalaya OM No PER(A)149/80/Pt.I/1 dated 21st February, 1983 it was clearly mentioned that the adverse entry in the ACRs is to be communicated within 2 months in order to enable the employee to represent her case in time, which was not done. In fact this communication was received by the appellant only on 2nd May, 2014 for the ACRs of 2010, 2012 and 2013, only after her application for RTI. In the circumstances, he prayed to the Commission that copy of the ACRs as requested for in the application should be provided to her immediately to enable her to take any other administrative action as may be necessary to redress her grievances before the Administrative Authority.

The FAA and Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District in her submission stated that the respondent PIO had already furnished a reply dated 19th May, 2014 stating that a copy of the ACRs as requested for cannot be disclosed in the light of the CIC's earlier decisions dated 13th July, 2014 and 19th February, 2009. The appellant had requested for the ACRs to be provided within 48 hours, as she claimed that that are threats to her life, the contention of threats to life and liberty by the appellant was not supported by any evidence and therefore the appellant has failed to substantiate evidence to support her claim of threat to her life and liberty under section 7(1) of the RTI Act. The appellant on 29th April, 2014 clarified that adverse entries in the ACRs are threat to her life by way of denial of promotion and therefore has ruined her service life, which has ruined and endangered her service career. The FAA also submitted that she was on leave from 1st July 2014 to 13th July, 2014 and after joining back she had to attend to some urgent works in the office and therefore the order of the Commission, through oversight, could not be disposed off immediately. On seeing the Commission's order, she immediately disposed of vide order 18th August, 2014 and passed a speaking order as to why the ACRs cannot be disclosed. She stated that it is settled law that ACRs cannot be disclosed under RTI Act. She had quoted the precedent decision of the CIC in CIC/AT/A/2006/00069 dated 13th July, 2006 to the effect that ACRs cannot be disclosed and also enclosed a circular from the DOPT No.10/20/2006-IR dated 21 Sept 2007 that “.. ACR is a confidential document, disclosure of which is protected by the Official secrets Act 1923. However, the Public Authority has discretion to disclose the ACRs to an employee to the employee himself or to any other person, if the authority is satisfied that the public interest in disclosure outweighs the harm to the protected interests”. Since she is of the view that there was no public interest and since the claim of the threat to life and liberty of the appellant could not be substantiated

with evidence for providing of information within 48 hours, she upheld the order passed by PIO. She also submitted that there was some delay for compliance with the direction of the Commission, unfortunately due to circumstances beyond her control both personal and official, and tendered unconditional apology for the same and prayed that the proceedings may be dropped.

The respondent PIO in his submission stated that it is a fact that he received his application on 28.4.2014 under the proviso of section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 requesting for the ACRs for the year 2009 to 2013. However, according to the views of the respondent PIO, providing of the ACRs cannot be regarded as information concerning life and liberty of a person and therefore cannot be disclosed within 48 hours. Therefore, the reply was processed accordingly and on the 19th August, 2014 a reply was sent to the appellant that the ACRs cannot be disclosed under RTI Act quoting the precedent decisions of the CIC dated 13th July, 2006 and 19th February, 2009. He claimed that he has complied fully with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and has not violated the Act in any manner, this fact was also confirmed by the decision of the FAA vide order dated 18.8.2014. He therefore prayed that he be exonerated.

The Commission perused the oral and written submissions submitted by the parties and the following issues have arisen:

1. Whether the application of the appellant for providing ACRs within 48 hours under proviso of section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is applicable in this case?
2. Whether the ACRs of an employee should be disclosed to him/her?
3. Whether there has been a delay in disposing of the application and the appeal in accordance with the proviso of the RTI Act?

Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 provides “**(1) Subject to the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 5 or the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 6, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, on receipt of a request under section 6 shall, as expeditiously as possible, and in any case within thirty days of the receipt of the request, either provide the information on payment of such fee as may be prescribed or reject the request for any of the reasons specified in sections 8 and 9:**

Provided that where the information sought for concerns the life or liberty of a person, the same shall be provided within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the request”.

This section has to be read in its totality. If an applicant seeks information, the main provision is that the information has to be provided within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application. However, if the information concerns the life and liberty of a person, the same should be provided within 48 hours. The PIO has to process the application accordingly. It is therefore expected that if the information is not considered one involving life and liberty, the applicant should be informed accordingly and the application should have been processed within 30 days. This was the spirit of the decision in the decision of the CIC/SG/C/2009/001169/4696 dated 3rd September, 2009 in the N.N. Kalia Vs PIO University of Delhi.

For the matter to be treated as one involving life and liberty it would require that, “the Application to be accompanied with some substantive evidence that a threat to life and liberty exists.” The application by the appellant relates to an administrative matter and the action by the authority could be rectified at any time following the due process. The damage is not of permanent in nature. In this case, the appellant claimed that she is due for promotion but it appears that she was over looked although she is the senior most of the UDA, when a higher post of Accountant was available. It was only then she was verbally informed that she would not be promoted due to adverse ACRs that she has requested of the copies of the ACRs for the year 2009 to 2013 to be provided to her under proviso of section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. Later, it appears that adverse remarks were communicated to her and subsequently it appears that she was also allowed to officiate in the higher post. Thus , the claim asking for documents within 48 hours because the adverse remarks are not only a threat to her service life and liberty but denial of promotion will ultimately ruined her life. While admitting the fact that the denial of promotion to an individual would affect the future prospect and violated her right unless there are grounds to do so under the rule and guidelines of the Government, it cannot be considered as a direct threat to life and liberty as there are normal rules and guidelines and legally, she could seek to redress her grievances.

ACRs are reports which is written every year to assess the performance of every person during that particular year. The entries in the ACRs are made by the higher senior officer under whom the person is working and would depend mainly on the opinion of the Reporting Officer. The assessment is made on the basis of some criteria and would be finally graded according to “good, average, fair, very good or outstanding”. Communication of entries is necessary as the person may be of a different opinion of his/her performance as to whether the assessment was made correctly or not. The guidelines of the State Govt. mentioned that the adverse entries should be communicated within two months from the date of acceptance of ACRs. Thus according to the existing instructions only adverse ACRs are to be communicated. However, the Supreme Court in the **Dev Dutt Vs Union of India and others** in Civil appeal No 7631 of 2002 decided on 12.5.2008 has observed.....**“In our opinion, every entry (and not merely a poor or adverse entry) relating to an employee under the State or an instrumentality of the State, whether in civil, judicial, police or other service (except the military) must be communicated to him, within a reasonable period, and it makes no difference whether there is a bench mark or not. Even if there is no benchmark, non-communication of an entry may adversely affect the employee’s chances of promotion (or getting some other benefit), because when comparative merit is being considered for promotion (or some other benefit) a person having a ‘good’ or ‘average’ or ‘fair’ entry certainly has less chances of being selected than a person having a ‘very good’ or ‘outstanding’ entry.”** This view was also upheld in **the State of Punjab and others Vrs State Information Commission, Punjab and another** only in CWP No. 8396 of 2008. **“The ACRs of the public servant are not private in character. In any case, when an employee asks for disclosure of his own ACR the demand cannot be declined because now all ACRs are required to be communicated to a public servant whether adverse, good, very good etc. in paras 19 and 20 of the judgment rendered in the case of Dev Dutt vrs Union of India and others”**. Though the FAA had mentioned of precedent decisions and also the circular from the DOPT in this connection, she has overlooked the fact that later, vide 21011/1/2005 Estt(A) (Part III) dated 2nd April 2012 it was mentioned that ... **“The new rules adopted from the reporting year 2008-09 provide that the whole contents of the**

APAR including the overall grading shall be communicated to the officer concerned for information/ making a representation, if any, to the Competent Authority". Even if the State government has not issued any circular to this effect, it is settled that ACRs are to be provided when asked for especially under RTI.

The appellant has filed an Appeal before the FAA earlier under section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The FAA instead of disposing the Appeal has delayed the case and belatedly passed an order. It was under these circumstances that the Commission vide order 2nd July, 2014 the Commission directed the FAA to dispose of the Appeal within 15 days fixing 21st July 2014 for compliance. Unfortunately, this was not done and the FAA and Deputy Commissioner Ri Bhoi District admitted that there was delay and has given a number of reasons that through oversight that the order of the Commission could not be complied and has tendered unqualified apology to the Commission. The FAA should have realized that orders of any statutory authority takes precedent over other works. However, considering that this is the first occasion that such lapse has occurred, the Commission accepts the apology and will not pursue the matter further. The FAA & Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District will note that such lapses should not arise in future.

On the basis of the above discussions, the Commission is of the opinion that though there is no ground which could be considered as a threat to the life and liberty, as claimed by the appellant, but she has every right to obtain the ACRs relating to her performance on the light of the Supreme Court order as mentioned. Therefore, under the powers conferred under section 19 (8) (a) (i), it is hereby directed that the PIO should furnish certified copies of her ACRs for the year 2009 to 2013 to the appellant free of cost within 1(one) week from today.

Fix **30th September, 2014** for compliance.

(C.D. Kynjing)
C.I.C

Chapter – 7

Implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in Meghalaya during 2014

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 were many Government Departments who are still 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 2014 a total number of 1813 requests were received by the Public Information Officers of those public authorities who have so far furnished their reports. The number of requests carried over from the previous year were 3, hence the total number of requests available with the PIOs for disposal were 1816. Out of these, 1770 requests were disposed off by the PIOs during the year which is about 97%. The remaining requests were carried over to the next year for disposal. The total number of requests rejected and deemed to have refused by the PIOs were 75 which is approximately about 3% from the total number of requests received by the PIOs.

7.2.1 Disposal of Information Requests by Public Information Officers/Public Authorities Reporting Year: 2014

Sl. No	Name of Departments 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: 7(2)	% of Cases Access to Information Denied*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Agriculture							
	Sectt. Deptt.							
	Dte. of Agri.	Nil	15	15	15	Nil	1	Nil
	Dte. of Hort	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E. Irrigation							
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong							

2	Arts & Culture							
	Sectt.Dept.							
	Dte.of Arts & Culture	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	A.H.&Vety.							
	Sectt.Dept.							
	Dte.of A.H.&Vety							
4	Border Areas Dev.							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of BAD	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	C.M.Secretariat							
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil	18	18	18	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Cabinet Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Communication							
	Sectt.Dept	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	C&RD							
	Sectt.Dept.							
	Dte.of C&RD							
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong							
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin							
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh							
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai							
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar							
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara							
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura							
9	Cooperation							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil	2	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts							
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	The Meghalaya Coop. Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	District Council Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	KHADC							
	JHADC	Nil	42	42	42	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GHADC							
11	Education							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	DHTE	Nil	191	191	191	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DERT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBOSE							
	DSEL	Nil	32	32	29	3	Nil	Nil
12	Elections							
	Sectt.Dept.							
	DCs							
13	E.R.T.S.							
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Com.Tax	Nil	51	51	51	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Com.Excise	1	8	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Megh. State Lottery	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Finance							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	12	12	12	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Local Accounts	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Institutional Finance							
	Finance (EC-1) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (A.F.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (P.C.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

15	Food & Civil Supplies							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Food & Civil Supplies	1	44	45	41	2	2	2
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission							
16	Forest & Env.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	O/o PCCF	Nil	34	34	34	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Social Forestry)	Nil	14	14	14	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Research & Training)	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	40	40	40	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (WL) Meghalaya Shillong	Nil	19	19	19	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (WL) Tura							
17	Fisheries							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Fisheries	Nil	22	22	22	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	G.A.D.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Office Estate Officer							
	Dte. of Sainik Welfare	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare							
	G.A.D. (B)							
	G.A.D (A)	Nil	9	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
19	Home (Police)							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	39	39	36	3	Nil	Nil
	Director General of Police	Nil	167	167	165	3	Nil	Nil
20	Home Guards & Civil Defence							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte. Of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	11	11	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	Home (Jails)							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Director General of Prisons	Nil	12	12	12	Nil	Nil	Nil
22	Home (Passport)							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	Health & F.W.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	DHS (MI)	Nil	47	47	47	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil	14	14	14	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil	7	7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil

24	Housing							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Housing	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	Industries							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Commerce Industries	Nil	43	43	43	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MIDC							
	MCCL							
	MKVIB							
	Meghalaya Handloom							
	MHHDC							
	MBCL							
	MEDC Ltd.							
26	Information & Public Relations							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of I.P.R.	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	Information Technology							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
28	Law (A)							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Law (B)							
29	Labour							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Employment & Craftsmen Training	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer							
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Labour Commissioner							
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Mining & Geology							
	Sectt.Dept	Nil	7	7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Mineral Resources	Nil	11	11	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	Planning							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Dte. of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of Economics & Statistics	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.E.D.C.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio. Resource Development Council, Shillong	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Rural Development Society, Shillong							
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong							
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Science & Technology Cell	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	Personnel							
	Personnel & A.R. (A)	Nil	20	20	20	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel & A.R. (B)	Nil	10	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, EK Hills	1	80	80	78	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, Ribhoi District	Nil	16	16	16	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Nil	10	10	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Khasi Hills	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Garo Hills, Tura	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, East Garo Hills	Nil	12	12	12	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, South Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.P.S.C.	Nil	161	161	138	23	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MATI	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	D.C. South West Khasi Hills District Mawkyrwat	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

	D.C. East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	D.C. Resubelpara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	D.C. Ampati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Division Tura	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil	10	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	Political							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	4	4	4	1	Nil	Nil
34	P.H.E.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Chief Engineer							
	Pollution Control Board							
35	Power							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	M.E.C. Ltd.							
	MSERC							
	MNREDA							
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	Printing & Stationery							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Printing & Stationery	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	P.W.D.							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD(R)	Nil	87	87	87	Nil	1	Nil
	C.E.PWD (NH)	Nil	14	14	14	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD (B)	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Megh. Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
38	Parliamentary Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
39	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	Revenue & Disaster Management							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	13	13	13	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.Land Records & Survey							
41	SAD							
	SAD (A)	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (N)	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	Sports & Youth Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of S.Y.A.	Nil	6	6	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	Social Welfare							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Social Welfare	Nil	15	15	15	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Women	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
44	Soil & Water Conservation							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Soil & Water	Nil	28	28	27	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	Sericulture & Weaving							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Sericulture	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
46	Transport							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Comnr.of Transport	Nil	134	134	134	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.T.C.							
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	Tourism							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	9	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Tourism	Nil	14	14	14	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
48	Urban Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Urban Affairs	Nil	30	30	30	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil	15	15	15	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil

	MUDA	Nil	11	11	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil	1	1	1	1	Nil	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Urban Dev.Agency, Raitong Building Shillong	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	Metrology Department							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	27	27	27	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly							
51	Meghalaya High Court							
52	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	Meghalaya State Information Commission	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	Water Resources Department	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
55	Prison Department	Nil	10	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total:	3	1813	1816	1770	Nil	23	Nil

Table 7.2.2. below indicates year wise disposal of Requests during the last nine 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

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

Section 19 (1) provides that – 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 2014, 123 number of appeals were preferred before the Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA) in the form of First Appeals under Section 19(1) of the Act. The disposal of the

appeals by the Departmental Appellate Authorities is given in the Table 7.3.1 below:

**Disposal of First Appeals by the Departmental Appellate Authorities
Reporting Year: 2014**

Sl. No	Name of Departments 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							
	Sectt. Deptt.							
	Dte. of Agri.	Nil	11	11	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of Hort	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E. Irrigation							
	Megh. State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong							
2	Arts & Culture							
	Sectt. Deptt.							
	Dte. of Arts & Culture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	A.H.&Vety.							
	Sectt. Deptt.							
	Dte. of A.H.&Vety							
4	Border Areas Dev.							
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of BAD	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	C.M. Secretariat							
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	18	18	18	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Cabinet Affairs							
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Communication							
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	C&RD							
	Sectt. Deptt.							
	Dte. of C&RD							
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong							
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin							
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh							

	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai							
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar							
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara							
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura							
9	Cooperation							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts							
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	The Meghalaya Coop. Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	District Council Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	KHADC							
	JHADC	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GHADC							
11	Education							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	DHTE	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DERT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBOSE							
	DSEL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	Elections							
	Sectt.Dept.							
	DCs							
13	E.R.T.S.							
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Com.Tax	Nil	3	3	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Com.Excise	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Megh. State Lottery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Finance							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Local Accounts	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Institutional Finance							
	Finance (EC-1) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (AF)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15	Food & Civil Supplies							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Food & Civil Supplies	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission							
16	Forest & Env.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	O/o PCCF	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Social Forestry)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Research & Training)	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (WL) Meghalaya Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CF (WL) Tura							
17	Fisheries							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Fisheries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	G.A.D.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Office Estate Officer							
	Dte. of Sainik Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare							
	G.A.D. (B)							
	GAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
19	Home (Police)							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Director General of Police	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	Home Guards & Civil Defence							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte. Of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	Home (Jails)							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Director General of Prisons	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
22	Home (Passport)							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	Health & F.W.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	DHS (MI)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil	14	14	14	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24	Housing							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Housing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	Industries							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Commerce Industries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MIDC							
	MCCL							
	MKVIB							
	Meghalaya Handloom							
	MHHDC							
	MBCL							
	MEDC Ltd.							
26	Information & Public Relations							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of I.P.R.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	Information Technology							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
28	Law (A)							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Law (B)							
29	Labour							
	Sectt.Deptt.							

	Dte.of Employment & Craftsmen Training	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer							
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Labour Commissioner							
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Mining & Geology							
	Sectt.Dept	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Mineral Resources	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	Planning							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Economics & Statistics	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.E.D.C.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio. Resource Development Council, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Rural Development Society, Shillong							
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong							
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Science & Technology Cell	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	Personnel							
	Personnel & A.R.(A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel & A.R. (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC,EK Hills	1	22	23	22	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, Ribhoi District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Nil	7	7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Khasi Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Garo Hills, Tura	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil

	DC, East Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, South Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.P.S.C.	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MATI	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	D.C. South West Khasi Hills District Mawkyrwat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC East Jaintia Hills District Khliehriat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Resubelpara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Ampati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Division Tura	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	Political							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
34	P.H.E.							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Chief Engineer							
	Pollution Control Board							
35	Power							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	M.E.C. Ltd.							
	MSERC							
	MNREDA							
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	Printing & Stationery							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Printing & Stationery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	P.W.D.							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD(R)	Nil	12	12	12	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD (NH)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Megh. Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

38	Parliamentary Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
39	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	Revenue & Disaster Management							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.Land Records & Survey							
41	SAD							
	SAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (N)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	Sports & Youth Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of S.Y.A.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	Social Welfare							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Social Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Women	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
44	Soil & Water Conservation							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Soil & Water Conservation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	Sericulture & Weaving							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Dte.of Sericulture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
46	Transport							
	Sectt.Deptt.							
	Comnr.of Transport	Nil	12	12	12	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.T.C.							
	Secretary State Transport Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	Tourism							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Tourism	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

48	Urban Affairs							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Urban Affairs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MUDA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Urban Dev. Agency, Raitong Building Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	Metrology Department							
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly							
51	Meghalaya High Court							
52	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	Meghalaya State Information Commission	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	Water Resources Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
55	Prison Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total	1	122	123	120	Nil	Nil	Nil

Table 7.3.2 below indicates year wise disposal of First Appeals by the Departmental Appellate Authorities for the last seven years:-

Table 7.3.2

Year	Total No. of First Appeals	No. of First Appeals disposed	No. of First Appeals rejected
2006	21	20	1
2007	108	106	2
2008	23	23	Nil
2009	39	39	Nil
2010	42	36	6
2011	94	94	Nil
2012	118	117	1
2013	78	66	Nil
2014	123	120	Nil

7.4 Information Requests rejected by the PIO/Public Authorities:

Section 7 (1) empowers the Public Information Officer to reject the request for information for any of the reasons specified under section 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:

Information Requests rejected by the PIOs/Public authorities: Reporting Year: 2014

Table 7.4.1

Sl. No	Name of Departments 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 Section
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Agriculture						
	Sectt. Deptt.						
	Dte. of Agri.	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of Hort	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E. Irrigation						
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong						
2	Arts & Culture						
	Sectt. Deptt.						
	Dte. of Arts & Culture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	A.H.&Vety.						
	Sectt. Deptt.						
	Dte. of A.H. & Vety.						
4	Border Areas Dev.						
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of BAD	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	C.M. Secretariat						
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Cabinet Affairs						
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Communication						
	Sectt. Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	C&RD						
	Sectt. Deptt.						
	Dte. of C&RD						
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong						

	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin						
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh						
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai						
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar						
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara						
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura						
9	Cooperation						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts						
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	The Meghalaya Coop. Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	District Council Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	KHADC						
	JHADC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GHADC						
11	Education						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	DHTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DERT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBOSE						
	DSEL	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	Elections						
	Sectt.Dept.						
	DCs						
13	E.R.T.S.						
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Com.Tax	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Com.Excise	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Megh. State Lottery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Finance						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Local Accounts	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Institutional Finance						
	Finance (EC-1) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Deptt.						
	Finance (AF)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15	Food & Civil Supplies						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte. of Food & Civil Supplies	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission						
16	Forest & Env.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	O/o PCCF	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Social Forestry)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Research & Training)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (WL) Meghalaya Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (WL) Tura						
17	Fisheries						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Fisheries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	G.A.D.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Office Estate Officer						
	Dte. of Sainik Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare						
	GAD (B)						
	GAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

19	Home (Police)						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Director General of Police	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	Home Guards & Civil Defence						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte. Of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	Home (Jails)						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Director General of Prisons	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
22	Home (Passport)						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	Health & F.W.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	DHS (MI)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24	Housing						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Housing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	Industries						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Commerce Industries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MIDC						
	MCCL						
	MKVIB						
	Meghalaya Handloom						
	MHHDC						
	MBCL						
	MEDC Ltd.						
26	Information & Public Relations						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of I.P.R.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	Information Technology						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
28	Law (A)						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Law (B)						
29	Labour						
	Sectt.Deptt.						

	Dte.of Employment & Craftsmen Training	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer						
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Labour Commissioner						
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Mining & Geology						
	Sectt.Dept	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Mineral Resources	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	Planning						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Economics & Statistics	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.E.D.C.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio. Resource Development Council, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Rural Development Society, Shillong						
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong						
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Science & Technology Cell	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	Personnel						
	Personnel & A.R.(A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel AR (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC,E.K. Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, Ribhoi District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, West Khasi Hills	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	DC, West Garo Hills, Tura	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, East Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC, South Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.P.S.C.	23	21	Nil	1	Nil	1
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MATI	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	D.C. South West Khasi Hills District Mawkyrat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC East Jaintia Hills District Khliehriat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Resubelpara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Ampati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Division Tura	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	Political						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
34	P.H.E.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Chief Engineer						
	Pollution Control Board						
35	Power						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	M.E.C. Ltd.						
	MSERC						
	MNREDA						
	Senior Electrical Inspector Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	Printing & Stationery						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Printing & Stationery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	P.W.D.						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD(R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD (NH)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Megh. Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

38	Parliamentary Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
39	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	Revenue & Disaster Management						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.Land Records & Survey						
41	SAD						
	SAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (N)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	Sports & Youth Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of S.Y.A.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	Social Welfare						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Social Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Women	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
44	Soil & Water Conservation						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Soil & Water	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	Sericulture & Weaving						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Sericulture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
46	Transport						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Comnr.of Transport	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.T.C.						
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	Tourism						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Tourism	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
48	Urban Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Dte.of Urban Affairs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MUDA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Megh. Urban Dev. Agency, Raitong Building, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	Metrology Department						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly						
51	Meghalaya High Court						
52	Governor's Secretariat Raj Bhavan, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	Meghalaya State Information Commission	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	Water Resources Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
55	Prison Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total	45	28	Nil	1	Nil	1

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

A total amount of ₹ 41,351/- was collected by the PIOs/Public authorities in the form of fees and charges during the year 2014. Out of this an amount of ₹ 6,186/- was collected under Section 4(4) of the Act, being the cost of the printed materials in which form the information was provided. ₹13,549/- was the application fee collected under Section 6(1) of the Act. An amount of ₹ 13,241/- was collected under Section 7(1) being the cost of the photo copies made. An amount of ₹ 5,855/- was collected under section 7(5) being the cost of information provided in Electronic format. An amount of ₹ 2,520/- was the miscellaneous charges collected by the Public Information Officers and the Public Authorities.

The details of the fees and other charges collected Department-wise is indicated in the Table 7.5.1 below:

**Table 7.5.1 Amount of Fees and other Charges collected by the PIOs/Public Authorities:
Reporting Year: 2014**

Sl. No	Name of Departments Public Authorities	Cost Collected Sec 4(4)	Fee Collected Sec 6(1)	Fee Collected Sec 7(1)	Fee Collected Sec 7(5)	Other charges collected (specify)	Total Collection
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Agriculture						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte. of Agri.	Nil	130	1468	Nil	Nil	1598

	Dte.of Hort	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E. Irrigation						
	Megh. State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong						
2	Arts & Culture						
	Sectt.Dept.						
	Dte.of Arts & Culture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	A.H.&Vety.						
	Sectt.Dept.						
	Dte.of A.H.&Vety						
4	Border Areas Dev.						
	Sectt.Deptt.	12	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	22
	Dte.of BAD	554	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	614
5	C.M.Secretariat						
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil	230	Nil	Nil	Nil	230
6	Cabinet Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	10	16	Nil	Nil	26
7	Communication						
	Sectt.Dept	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	C&RD						
	Sectt.Dept.						
	Dte.of C&RD						
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong						
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin						
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh						
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai						
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar						
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara						
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura						
9	Cooperation						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil	20	120	Nil	Nil	140
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts						
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	The Meghalaya Coop. Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	District Council Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	KHADC						
	JHADC	Nil	420	2338	Nil	Nil	2758
	GHADC						
11	Education						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	DHTE	Nil	1813	410	Nil	Nil	2223
	DERT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBOSE						
	DSEL	Nil	380	866	Nil	Nil	1246
12	Elections						
	Sectt.Dept.						
	DCs						
13	E.R.T.S.						
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Com.Tax	Nil	310	134	10	Nil	454
	Com.Excise	Nil	30	1320	Nil	Nil	1350
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40
	Dte.of Megh. State Lottery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Finance						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	120	Nil	1206	1350	2676
	Dte.of Local Accounts	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Institutional Finance						
	Finance (EC-1) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (AF)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

15	Food & Civil Supplies						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Food & Civil Supplies	40	420	324	Nil	Nil	784
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission						
16	Forest & Env.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	O/o PCCF	Nil	150	174	Nil	Nil	324
	O/o CCF (Social Forestry)	Nil	90	116	Nil	Nil	206
	O/o CCF (Research & Training)	Nil	20	6	Nil	Nil	26
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	170	663	Nil	Nil	833
	O/o CCF (WL) Meghalaya Shillong	Nil	70	Nil	Nil	Nil	70
	O/o CCF (WL) Tura						
17	Fisheries						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Fisheries	70	20	102	Nil	Nil	192
18	G.A.D.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Office Estate Officer						
	Dte. of Sainik Welfare	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	Zila Sainik Welfare						
	G.A.D. (B)						
	GAD (A)	Nil	70	78	Nil	Nil	148
19	Home (Police)						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	230	4	Nil	Nil	234
	Director General of Police	540	611	11	471	Nil	1633
20	Home Guards & Civil Defence						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte. Of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	70	43	Nil	Nil	113
21	Home (Jails)						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Director General of Prisons	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	60
22	Home (Passport)						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	Health & F.W.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	DHS (MI)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	10	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	50
	DHS (R)	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
24	Housing						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Housing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	Industries						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Commerce Industries	378	60	338	Nil	Nil	776
	MIDC						
	MCCL						
	MKVIB						
	Meghalaya Handloom						
	MHHDC						
	MBCL						
	MEDC Ltd.						
26	Information & Public Relations						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of I.P.R.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
27	Information Technology						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
28	Law (A)						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Law (B)						
29	Labour						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Employment & Craftsmen Training	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer						
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Labour Commissioner						
	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Mining & Geology						
	Sectt.Dept	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	Dte.of Mineral Resources	Nil	110	Nil	Nil	Nil	110
31	Planning						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	30	94	Nil	Nil	124
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte. of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Economics & Statistics	Nil	30	11	Nil	Nil	41
	M.E.D.C.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio. Resource Development Council, Shillong						
	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Rural Development Society, Shillong						
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong						
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Nil	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	10
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Science & Technology Cell	Nil	10	46	Nil	Nil	56
32	Personnel						
	Personnel & A.R.(A)	300	70	Nil	Nil	Nil	370
	Personnel & A.R. (B)	Nil	Nil	46	Nil	Nil	46
	DC,EK Hills	144	2498	248	Nil	Nil	2890
	DC, Ribhoi District	160	845	Nil	Nil	Nil	1005
	DC, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Nil	50	350	Nil	10	410
	DC, West Khasi Hills	Nil	50	376	Nil	32	458
	DC, West Garo Hills, Tura	40	180	Nil	Nil	Nil	220
	DC, East Garo Hills	Nil	120	Nil	Nil	Nil	120
	DC, South Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	M.P.S.C.	Nil	350	Nil	2852	Nil	3202
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MATI	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	D.C. South West Khasi Hills District Mawkyrat	Nil	20	155	Nil	Nil	175
	DC East Jaintia Hills District Khliehriat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Resubelpara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Ampati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Division Tura	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	20
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	Political						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	40	Nil	184	Nil	224

34	P.H.E.						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Chief Engineer						
	Pollution Control Board						
35	Power						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	M.E.C. Ltd.						
	MSERC						
	MNREDA						
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	Printing & Stationery						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.of Printing & Stationery	Nil	40	20	Nil	Nil	60
37	P.W.D.						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	C.E.PWD(R)	40	870	1062	512	586	3070
	C.E.PWD (NH)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	C.E.PWD (B)	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	Megh. Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
38	Parliamentary Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
39	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	Revenue & Disaster Management						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	234	Nil	Nil	Nil	234
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.Land Records & Survey						
41	SAD						
	SAD (A)	Nil	30	58	Nil	Nil	88
	SAD (E)	90	Nil	102	Nil	Nil	192
	SAD (N)	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	SAD (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	Sports & Youth Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of S.Y.A.	Nil	60	Nil	206	Nil	266
43	Social Welfare						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	60	40	Nil	Nil	100
	Dte.of Social Welfare	Nil	110	254	Nil	Nil	364
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Women	194	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	194

	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
44	Soil & Water Conservation						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	20	130	Nil	150
	Dte.of Soil & Water	750	290	834	2	Nil	1876
45	Sericulture & Weaving						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Dte.of Sericulture	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	20
46	Transport						
	Sectt.Deptt.						
	Comnr.of Transport	858	958	228	228	542	2814
	M.T.C.						
	Secretary, State Transport Authority, Shillong	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
47	Tourism						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Dte.of Tourism	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
48	Urban Affairs						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	50	40	Nil	Nil	90
	Dte.of Urban Affairs	Nil	110	16	54	Nil	180
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil	160	Nil	Nil	Nil	160
	Jowai Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MUDA	Nil	110	524	Nil	Nil	634
	Tura Municipal Board	892	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	922
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	840	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	840
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Megh. Urban Dev. Agency, Raitong Building, Shillong	Nil	10	30	Nil	Nil	40
49	Metrology Department						
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	50	40	Nil	Nil	90
50	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly						
51	Meghalaya High Court						
52	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	Meghalaya State Information Commission	60	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	100
54	Water Resources Department	68	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	128
55	Prison Department	86	20	66	Nil	Nil	172
	Total	6186	13549	13241	5855	2520	41351

7.6

As mentioned in the preceding pages, of this chapter the data presented in Tables 7.2.1, 7.3.1 and 7.4.1 may not reflect the complete picture of the R.T.I. activities that had taken place during the year in the state as some Public Authorities had 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 public authorities/Departments.

Table 7.6.1

Names of the Departments and Public authorities who failed to furnish requisite information for the Annual Report 2014.

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	Name of the Public authority
1	Agriculture	Secretariat Department
		C.E. Irrigation
		Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong
2	Arts & Culture	Secretariat Department
3	A.H. & Veterinary	Secretariat Department
		Dte. of A.H. & Veterinary
4	C & R.D.	Secretariat Department
		Dte.of C&RD
		Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong
		Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin
		Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh
		Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai
		Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar
		Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara
5	Cooperation	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura
		Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts
6	District Council Affairs	KHADC
		GHADC
7	Education	Secretariat Department
		MBOSE
8	Elections	Secretariat Department
		DCs
9	Finance	Dte. of Institutional Finance
10	Food & Civil Supplies	Secretariat Department
		Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
11	Forest & Environment	Secretariat Department
		O/o CCF (WL) Tura
12	Fisheries	Secretariat Department
13	G.A.D.	Secretariat Department
		Office Estate Officer

		Zila Sainik Welfare
		G.A.D. (B)
14	Home Guards & Civil Defense	Secretariat Department
15	Home (Jails)	Secretariat Department
16	Health & Family Welfare	Secretariat Department
17	Housing	Secretariat Department
18	Industries	Secretariat Department
		MIDC
		MCCL
		MKVIB
		Meghalaya Handloom
		MHHDC
		MBCL
		MEDC Ltd.
19	Information Technology	Secretariat Departments
20	Law (A)	Secretariat Department
		Law (B)
21	Labour	Secretariat Department
		O/o Administrative Medical Officer
		Labour Commissioner
22	Planning	Meghalaya Rural Development Society, Shillong
		Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong
23	P.H.E.	Sectt.Deptt.
		Chief Engineer
		Pollution Control Board
24	Power	Secretariat Department
		M.E.C. Ltd.
		MSERC
		MNREDA
25	Revenue & Disaster Management	Dte. of Land Records & Survey
26	Sports & Youth Affairs	Secretariat Department
27	Sericulture & Weaving	Secretariat Department
28	Transport	Secretariat Department
		M.T.C.
29	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	
30	Meghalaya High Court	

Chapter – 8

Key initiatives undertaken by the Government Departments and Public authorities in implementing the R.T.I. Act, 2005

Given below are the initiatives undertaken by different Government Departments in implementing the R.T.I. Act 2005:

Significant Initiatives by Government/Public Authorities to Implement the RTI Act: Record Management, Computerization & Networking, Sou muto disclosures etc. Reporting Year: 2014

Sl. No.	Name of Departments Public Authorities	Key Initiatives undertaken during the Year
1	2	3
1	Agriculture	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of Agri.	During 2014 there is a financial allotment under RTI Scheme and record management is started fully computerized.
		Computerize of all records has been improved as far as possible.
	Dte.of Hort	Care has been taken for proper record management and for smooth and transparent disclosure for information.
	C.E. Irrigation	
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	
2	Arts & Culture	
	Sectt.Dept.	
	Dte.of Arts & Culture	Nil
3	A.H.&Vety.	
	Sectt.Dept.	
	Dte.of A.H.&Vety	
4	Border Areas Dev.	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Necessary steps has been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act. This Department has not delayed the supply of information to the Applicant, and for that reason no appeal has been referred either to the DAA or the State Information Commission during the year.
	Dte.of BAD	1. Necessary steps has been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act. 2. Schemes/Projects sanctioned have been duly displayed for public information through media networks and Notice Boards in offices.

		<p>3. Feedback is given and will always be ready to support Appellate Authorities on any matter concerning the Department with regards to implementation of the RTI Act.</p> <p>4. Voluntary Organizations and other NGOs are encouraged to use the RT Act, 2005 for any matter or grievances with regard to schemes or Department.</p>
5	C.M.Secretariat	
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil
6	Cabinet Affairs	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
7	Communication	
	Sectt.Dept	Nil
8	C&RD	
	Sectt.Dept.	
	Dte.of C&RD	
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	
9	Cooperation	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	i) Proper record management process is in place
		ii) Accounts of the Corporation etc., are computerized.
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts	
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil

	The Meghalaya Coop. Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil
10	District Council Affairs	
	Sectt.Deptt.	All RTI Application were disposed off within the stipulated time. Record of requests received and disposed is being maintained in a separate RTI Register.
	KHADC	
	JHADC	Nil
	GHADC	
11	Education	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	DHTE	Nil
	DERT	Nil
	MBOSE	
	DSEL	Nil
12	Elections	
	Sectt.Dept.	
	DCs	
13	E.R.T.S.	
	Sectt.Dept.	Nil
	Com.Tax	Nil
	Com.Excise	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil
	Dte.of Megh. State Lottery	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil
14	Finance	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
	Dte.of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil
	Dte.of Local Accounts	Nil
	Dte.of Small Savings	Nil
	Dte.of Institutional Finance	
	Finance (EC-1) Deptt.	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Deptt.	Nil

	Finance (A.F.)	Nil
	Finance (P.C.)	Nil
15	Food & Civil Supplies	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of Food & Civil Supplies	RTI applications are disposed off in time.
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	
16	Forest & Env.	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	O/o PCCF	Nil
	O/o CCF (Social Forestry)	Nil
	O/o CCF (Research & Training)	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil
	O/o CCF (WL) Meghalaya Shillong	Nil
	O/o CCF (WL) Tura	
17	Fisheries	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of Fisheries	Nil
18	G.A.D.	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Office Estate Officer	
	Dte. of Sainik Welfare	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare	
	G.A.D. (B)	
	G.A.D (A)	Nil
19	Home (Police)	
	Sectt.Deptt.	A Register is maintained in the Department for recording the applications received, alongwith the application fees and cost of fee collected under Section 4 for dissemination of information.
	Director General of Police	The RTI application received during the year 2014 is being disposed accordingly.
		All efforts being made to ensure that all queries under the Act are addressed to within the stipulated time without any unnecessary delay(s).
20	Home Guards & Civil Defence	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte. Of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil
21	Home (Jails)	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Director General of Prisons	Nil

22	Home (Passport)	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
23	Health & F.W.	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	DHS (MI)	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil
24	Housing	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of Housing	Nil
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	
25	Industries	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of Commerce Industries	Nil
	MIDC	
	MCCL	
	MKVIB	
	Meghalaya Handloom	
	MHHDC	
	MBCL	
	MEDC Ltd.	
26	Information & Public Relations	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
	Dte.of I.P.R.	R.T.I. Act, 2005 was included as one of the topics for creating awareness among the rural masses during the Special Interactive Programmes organized by the office during the year 2013-14.
27	Information Technology	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
28	Law (A)	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Law (B)	
29	Labour	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of Employment & Craftsmen Training	1) Framing and uploading of Citizen's Charter in the Directorate Web's Portal.
		2) Framing of Result Frame Work Document.
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer	
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil
	Labour Commissioner	

	Directorate of Meghalaya Civil Task Force	This Directorate/Office has already procured a computer and printer and this will help in providing informations of any matter required by the public.
30	Mining & Geology	
	Sectt.Dept	All the official records are maintained in print/ computer for speedy reference in future.
	Dte.of Mineral Resources	Record, Management, Computerization and Networking is still going on.
31	Planning	
	Sectt.Deptt.	The Department including the PIOs under Planning Department is trying to update all latest information every year.
		With regard to Sou Motu disclosures the Department is trying to update the information in the website of the Govt. in Planning Department which is at present under process.
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	Suo motu disclosure posted in Department's website
	Dte. of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	Information under suo motu disclosure have been sent to Government
	Dte.of Economics & Statistics	The Directorate including its District Offices is trying to update all latest information through its various publications released every year. Computers are also supplied to all District Offices for smooth and quick updating of official records.
	M.E.D.C.	
	Bio. Resource Development Council, Shillong	
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	
	Meghalaya Rural Development Society, Shillong	
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	
	Science & Technology Cell	

32	Personnel	
	Personnel & A.R.(A)	Nil
	Personnel & A.R. (B)	Nil
	DC,EK Hills	Net Working – District Informatic Officer, Shillong.
	DC, Ribhoi District	Nil
	DC, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	By supplying information in time/prompt disposal on request.
	DC, West Khasi Hills	Xerox copies have been supplied to the applicants/ all applications filed under RTI Act, 2005 have been disposed off in time.
	DC, West Garo Hills, Tura	Providing information in time as per requirement.
	DC, East Garo Hills	Nil
	DC, South Garo Hills	Nil
	M.P.S.C.	Nil
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil
	MATI	Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute is under the process of upgradation of its official website and upon completion of the same, initiatives towards Record Management and Computerization is under process. Networking & Sou Muto Disclosures of the Institute will also be made ready and available.
	D.C. South West Khasi Hills District Mawkyrwat	Records being maintained and updated as required.
	D.C. East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	Nil
	D.C. Resubelpara	Nil
	D.C. Ampati	Nil
	Commissioner of Division Tura	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	As per the Scheduled of Summary Revision from Election Commission of India Forms 6,7,8,8 A filed are being maintained. Manuscripts pertaining to revision programme from time to time/Maintenance of Register pertaining to issue of EPIC/Stock Register of EVMs maintained/Hard & Soft Copy of Electoral Roll (Photo & Normal) are being maintained in respect to revision programme as announced by Election Commission of India/Till Date no voters apply for RTI or otherwise.
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil
	SDO Dadenggre	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil

33	Political	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
34	P.H.E.	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Chief Engineer	
	Pollution Control Board	
35	Power	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	M.E.C. Ltd.	
	MSERC	
	MNREDA	
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	Nil
36	Printing & Stationery	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
	Dte.of Printing & Stationery	1. Necessary steps have been taken to provide information to all the R.T.I. applications timely.
		2. All informations published in the Gazette of Meghalaya, advertisements which are posted in the website for public awareness is still continuing.
		3. Digitization of decades old Gazette issues have been completed and posting it at Public domain is awaited.
37	P.W.D.	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Maintenance of R.T.I. Register
	C.E.PWD(R)	1. Maintenance of R.T.I. Register for quick disposal of information.
		2. Informationz as sought for has been submitted timely.
		3. Initiative was taken in order that all applications were cleared on time.
		4. Record management.
	C.E.PWD (NH)	Maintenance of RTI Register for quick disposal of information.
	C.E.PWD (B)	Nil
	Megh. Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Information required by applicant during the year was disposed.
38	Parliamentary Affairs	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
39	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	Nil

40	Revenue & Disaster Management	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil
	Dte.Land Records & Survey	
41	SAD	
	SAD (A)	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil
	SAD (N)	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil
42	Sports & Youth Affairs	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of S.Y.A.	Nil
43	Social Welfare	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Record of RTI received and disposed is being maintained in register.
	Dte.of Social Welfare	Record of requests received and disposed is being maintained in the Registers and suo muto disclosures.
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil
	State Commission for Women	Nil
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Nil
44	Soil & Water Conservation	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Timely actions were taken in furnishing information sought by applicants under RTI Act, 2005.
		Records were properly kept and maintained.
	Dte.of Soil & Water	Prompt Action taken in all queries.
		Information sought under RTI Act was furnished in time.
		All relevant records are kept properly in documentary and Electronic forms. As such information sought by applicant under RTI Act 2005 could be disposed off accordingly.
45	Sericulture & Weaving	
	Sectt.Deptt.	
	Dte.of Sericulture	Nil
46	Transport	
	Sectt.Deptt.	

	Comnr.of Transport	Notification etc. has been issued to all concerned District.
		No Computerization was done.
		This Office Mode is sincere attempt to dispose off application as fast as possible.
		Notification etc. of the RTI Act duly published and hanged in the office notice board.
		All the information sought under RTI Act, 2005 use to send through the post office only. Most of the letters were received very late from post office. So, in this regard the information sought could not be disbursed in time. 1. Though the RTI applications reached office very late, prompt action is taken up to ensure that replies to the RTI applications done in time. 2. The limited office staffs of the undersigned are trying their level best to response to the information sought. 3. Interrupted power supply, network failure problem is always there but we are trying our level best and ability to make sure that it does not affect our working system by giving reply in right time.
	M.T.C.	
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	Nil
47	Tourism	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
	Dte.of Tourism	Sou Motu public proactive disclosures Sec – 4 of RTI Act, 2005.
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil
48	Urban Affairs	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil
	Dte.of Urban Affairs	Nil
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	Records manage through Register, file etc.
	MUDA	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	Nothing in particular worth mentioning.
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil
	Meghalaya Urban Dev.Agency, Raitong Building Shillong	Nil
49	Metrology Department	
	Sectt.Deptt.	Nil

	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil
50	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	
51	Meghalaya High Court	
52	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	Nil
53	Meghalaya State Information Commission	Nil
54	Water Resources Department	Necessary steps have been taken to provide information to all the R.T.I. application within the stipulated time. Records are also maintained by the Department.
55	Prison Department	All requests were being disposed off within the prescribed time.

Chapter – 9

Observations and Recommendations of the State Information Commission:

The Commission noted with deep concern at the attitude of the Public Information Officers and other functionaries towards the implementation of the R.T.I. Act, 2005. The Commission observed that there are some PIOs, who failed to dispose of the RTI applications within the statutory period or in conformity with the provisions of the Act. Such Officers, are either ignorant of the law or are irresponsible to discharge their own duty and they had to be penalized by the Commission. It is unfortunate that in spite of trainings imparted from time to time, the response and disposal of R.T.I. requests is not satisfactory. This was due to irresponsible and perfunctory manner in discharging their duties by the Public Information Officers. As Public Information Officers, they are expected to exercise their powers in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Any act of omission and commission or any lapse on their part, will invariably invite penal action. However, perhaps due to the fact that the maximum amount of penalty, that could be imposed, is very less in comparison with their salary earnings, that they do not bother much. It is, therefore, recommended that any penalty imposed on the PIO should be invariably and adequately reflected in the Annual Confidential Report so that they take it more seriously.

It has also been observed that there are some Departmental Appellate Authorities, who do not understand their role as quasi-judicial authority as reflected from their orders and hesitate to decide and pass appropriate orders on the appeal preferred to them. It is recommended that the DAA should be suitably advised by the Government.

The Commission also notes with regret that voluntary disclosure (suo motu) are required under Section 4 of the RTI Act has not been updated by many Public Authorities in their websites, which is against the provisions of the Act. It is, therefore, recommended that the Head of the Public Authorities review the position at least once a year.

Some Public Authorities also did not submit requisite information for inclusion in this Annual report as reflected in table 7.6.1 of the Report, in spite of reminders from the Commission, which is very unfortunate. This fact is brought to the attention of the Government (since most of them are under its control) for necessary corrective action in the coming years.

