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# Chapter I

## Introduction

### The right to information and its necessity

The Preamble to the Constitution India declares:

*“We the People of India having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a [Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic] and to secure all its Citizens:*

*Justice, social, economic and political;*

*Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;*

*Equality of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all;*

*Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nation.*

*In our Constituent Assembly this Twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do Hereby, Adopt, Enact and Give to ourselves this Constitution.”*

In the case of *Dinesh Trivedi, MP and others Vrs. Union of India and others [No.4 SCC 306]*, the Supreme Court dealt with the citizens’ right to freedom of information and observed “In modern constitutional democracies, it is axiomatic that citizens have a right which, having been elected by them, seek to formulate sound policies of governance aimed at their welfare. Democracy expects openness and openness are concomitant of a free society and the sunlight is a best disinfectant.”

Thus, The Right to Information Act, 2005 ensures –

- I. PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION
- II. ACCOUNTABILITY
- III. TRANSPARENCY
- IV. GOOD GOVERNANCE
- V. And more EFFECTIVENESS

- I. People should participate in Government's planning process and actively involved in the planning and formulation of schemes. They should have accessibility of information about the projects and programmes.
- II. People's participation in the governance ensures accountability for what the Government is doing.
- III. It ensures that funds are correctly and timely utilized on a regular basis for the benefit of the people.
- IV. It sets the tone for social behavior. It also prevents unscrupulous activities, activates the exercise of potential delinquents, penalizes violators and remedies wrongs to a large extent.
- V. In providing information about Government activities, it also provides a link between the citizens and the Government. Media and citizens would effectively work together and make the Government accountable and more effective.

During the last eleven years implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 has been marching ahead in ensuring transparency and accountability in all public authorities particularly government departments. And the number of RTI applications received with effect from 2006 to 2016 shows an upward trend each successive year.

The Table below indicates the *year-wise disposal of Complaints* by the Commission during the last 11 years

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Complaints received</b>	<b>No. of Complaints disposed</b>	<b>No. of Complaints rejected</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
2006	11	9	1	
2007	39	38	13	
2008	37	36	12	
2009	47	45	12	
2010	41	32	7	
2011	31	31	-	
2012	43	39	-	4 nos. carried over
2013	32	32	-	
2014	27	25	-	2 nos. carried over
2015	51	51	-	
2016	40	40	-	

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total no. of Appeals</b>	<b>No. of Appeals disposed</b>	<b>No. of Appeals rejected</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
2006	6	6	Nil	
2007	18	18	Nil	
2008	23	20	Nil	
2009	37	34	Nil	3 nos. carried over
2010	17	14	1	2 nos. carried over
2011	13	8	5	
2012	8	4		4 nos. carried over
2013	17	15		2 nos. carried over
2014	14	13		1 no. carried over
2015	15	15	Nil	
2016	11	11	Nil	

FORM – A  
[Rule 3(1)]

Second Appeal filed under sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005 read with Rules 3(1) of the Right to Information (Appeal and procedures of the State Information Commission Rules, 2007)

ID. No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Full Name of the Appellant:
2. Permanent Address:
3. Particular of the First Appellate Authority against whose order Appeal is preferred:
4. Date of receipt of the 1<sup>st</sup> appellate order:
5. Brief facts leading to appeal:

6. Relief sought from the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal:
7. Whether an appeal has been filed after 90 days, the reasons which has prevented from filing appeal in time:
8. List of documents to be enclosed with the Appeal petition (Three copies each):
  - (a) Self-attested copies of the orders or documents against which the appeal being preferred
  - (b) Copies of documents relied upon by the appellant and referred to in the appeal and
  - (c) An index of the documents referred to in the appeal.

Place:  
Date:

Signature of the appellant  
Email Address  
Phone/Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement

ID. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Received Second Appeal application from Shri/Mr/Smti/Miss \_\_\_\_\_ resident  
\_\_\_\_\_ under section 19 of the Right to information Act 2005.

Signature of authorized Clerk  
Office of the Second Appellate Authority/  
State Information Commission

Under Section 25 (1), the State Information Commission is required to compile and prepare an *Annual Report* on the implementation of the various provisions of the Act as soon as practicable after the end of each year and send the required number of copies of the report thereof to the Government. Under Section 25 (2) each department shall in relation to the public authorities within their jurisdiction, collect and provide information to the State Information Commission for the purpose of preparing the annual report and comply with the requirements concerning the furnishing of information and keeping of records. Thereafter, copy of the *Annual Report* as prepared in accordance with Section 25 (4), is to be laid before the State Legislature by the State Government as soon as practicable.

This is the *Eleventh Report* of the implementation of *The Right to Information Act, 2005* in the State. Annual Reports have been regularly published by the Meghalaya State Information Commission with a view to highlight and reflect the ground realities vis-à-vis the response of each public authority to the RTI requests. Important cases decided by the Commission also act as a guide to the authorities concerned, with a view to help them in the proper implementation of the Act.

In this report, we have reflected the total number of requests made and disposed of by the Public Information Officers (PIOs), the fees collected, the number of appeals preferred by the appellants (who were aggrieved with the decision of the Departmental Appellate Authority) and other relevant matters. The total number of complaints filed by those information seekers who failed to get any response from the PIOs or their applications rejected is also indicated. Some of the important decisions passed by the Commission are incorporated in the report for the benefit of the PIOs and other functionaries dealing with RTI matters. While preparing the report, an attempt has been made to focus on those items required most under various sections of the Act.



Judging by the upward trend in the number of RTI applications filed from year to year there is a corresponding need to carry out an in-depth study on the impact of the Act in the lives of the common citizens. This shows that the general 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 Right to Information Act 2005, no doubt empowers the citizens to get access to information under the control of the public authorities but it cannot also be denied that there are certain unscrupulous individuals who take 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 Officers. 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 abuses. However, in most cases there were genuine information seekers, who had been deprived of their rights under the Act and the Commission tries its level best to redress their grievances without any bias, as could be seen in some of the important decisions and orders included in this report.

In short, implementation of *The Right to Information Act 2005* during the year 2016 in the State was by and large smooth.

The Meghalaya State Information Commission is pleased to present to the State Government of Meghalaya this *Eleventh Report* for the period from *1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016*.

## Chapter 2

### Powers and functions of the Meghalaya State Information Commission

- 2.1. The Meghalaya State Information Commission was constituted vide *Notification No. IPR 48/2005/Pt.11/10 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005* read with *Notification No. IPR 48/2005/52/11 dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2005* with its headquarters at Shillong. The present incumbent, Shri P.B.O. Warjri IAS (Rtd.) assumed charge as Chief Information Commissioner on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

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

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

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

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of posts sanctioned	No. of posts filled
1.	State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC)	1	1
2.	Secretary	1	1
3.	Under Secretary	1	1
4.	Senior PS to the CIC	1	1
6.	Superintendent	1	1
5.	UDA	2	2
6.	Computer Assistant / Data Entry Operator	1	1
7.	LDA	1	1
8.	Driver	2	2
9.	Process Server	1	1
9.	Peons	3	3
10.	Chowkidar	1	1

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

The present *official address* of the Commission is :

**Meghalaya State Information Commission**  
**New Administrative Building**  
**Lower Lachauchiere**  
**East Khasi Hills District**  
**Shillong – 793001**

**Phone No – (0364) 2500179**

**Website: [www.megsic.gov.in](http://www.megsic.gov.in)**

**2.3. Nodal Department**

The Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department is the nodal department for the State Information Commission. All matters, administrative and financial are 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 sent through the nodal department for laying the same before the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable.

**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 provisions of *The Right to Information Act, 2005* read with *The Meghalaya Right to Information Rules 2005*.

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

<b>Sl. no.</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Powers and duties</b>
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 FAA under the RTI 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 PIO under the RTI Act.
4.	Senior PS to the SCIC	Secretarial assistance and any other works assigned by the State Chief Information Commissioner
5.	Superintendent	General superintendence and discipline of office work, to provide assistance to the Secretary
6.	UDA/LDA	To provide secretarial assistance to the Superintendent
7.	Computer Assistant	To operate and provide computer assistance
8.	Grade IV & Drivers	To perform duties as assigned to them by the Secretary in routine course

**2.6. Name, designation and particulars of the Information Officers**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Public Authority</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation etc. of the Designated Appellate Authority</b>	<b>Name &amp; designation of the PIO</b>
1.	Meghalaya State Information Commission	Shri Wilfred Nongsiej Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission <b>Phone</b> – 2500179 (Office)  <b>Address :</b> Lower Lachaumiere East Khasi Hills District Shillong - 793 001 Meghalaya	Smti. S. Kharphuli, Under Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission <b>Phone</b> – 2500179 (O) <b>Address :</b> Lower Lachaumiere East Khasi Hills District Shillong – 793 001 Meghalaya

## 2.7. Budget & Accounts of the Commission

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

During the financial year 2015-2016 the budget & accounts of the Commission and actual expenditure are as indicated below :

Detailed Head	Budget Head description “2251-Secretariat Social Services- State Schemes 090-Secretariat (12) Meghalaya Information Commission (RTI Act)-General Area “	(In thousands)	
		Budget Provision for the year 2015 - 2016	Expenditure up to 31/03/2016
01	Salaries	90,00,000.00	61,85,206.00
02	Wages	4,56,909.00	4,56,909.00
06	Medical Treatment	5,96,000.00	1,81,661.00
11	Domestic Travel Expenses	3,70,000.00	2,84,574.00
13	Office Expenses	5,70,000.00	5,57,789.00
16	Publications	5,00,000.00	1,51,834.00
21	Supplies & Materials	4,00,000.00	90,460.00
28	Professional Services	2,00,000.00	1,66,909.00
50	Other Charges	1,00,000.00	0.00
51	Motor Vehicles	2,00,000.00	1,80,037.00
52	Machinery & Equipment	1,20,000.00	54,400.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,25,12,909.00</b>	<b>83,09,779.00</b>

## 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 year 2016, the Commission received 51 numbers of Complaints and Appeals. Of these, all the 51 cases were disposed of. The details of receipt and disposal of Complaints and Appeals by the Commission are given in Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 respectively.

- (ii) Preparation and publication of the *Eleventh Annual Performance Report* of the Commission.
- (iii) During the year the Commission under the aegis of the Central Information Commission, organized various programmes. Some such programmes are as given below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Nature of Programme</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2016	Umiam, Nongser	56 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE), Umiam
16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016	Guwahati	Delivered a lecture on RTI at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati
14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016	Jowai	RTI Week 2016 organized by District Administration, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Jowai
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	New Delhi	Annual Convention of Chief Information Commissioners at DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi.

During the year, workshops and awareness programmes on implementation of the Act were also organized in each and every District by the respective Deputy Commissioners.

## Chapter 3

### Disposal of Complaints by the State Information Commission

- 3.1. Section 18 (1) empowers the State Information Commission to receive and inquire into a complaint from any person:
- (a) Who has been unable to submit a request to any Public Information Officer, either by reason that no such officer has been appointed under this Act or because the State Assistant Public Information Officer has refused to accept his or her application for information or appeal under this Act for forwarding the same to the State Public Information Officer or a senior officer specified in Sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Act.
  - (b) Who has been refused access to any information requested under this Act.
  - (c) Who has not been given a response to a request for information or access to information within the time limit specified under this Act.
  - (d) Who has been required to pay an amount of fee which he or she considers unreasonable.
  - (e) Who believes that he or she has been given incomplete, misleading or false information under this Act; and
  - (f) In respect of any other matter relating to requesting or obtaining access to records under this Act.

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

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

During 2016, a total of 40 complaints were received by the Commission and all the 40 cases were disposed of during the year. The department-wise break up is as given in Table 3.1.1 below.

**Table 3.1.1**

Department wise receipt and disposal of complaints by the Commission during 2016

Sl. No.	Name of Department	No. of Complaints pending with Information Commission at the end of Last Year	No. of Complaints preferred during the year	No. of Complaints disposed and acted upon	No. of Complaints Disposed and Rejected
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Social Welfare	Nil	1	1	Nil
2	PHE, Electrical Division	Nil	1	1	Nil
3	DHS (MI)	Nil	2	2	Nil
4	Mahatma Gandhi University	Nil	4	4	Nil
5	C & RD	Nil	11	11	Nil
6	DSEO	Nil	2	2	Nil
7	PPMCS, Shillong	Nil	1	1	Nil
8	MeECL, Shillong	Nil	2	2	Nil
9	DHTE, Shillong	Nil	1	1	Nil
10	Nongspung Syiemship	Nil	1	1	Nil
11	DMHO, East Garo Hills	Nil	1	1	Nil
12	CMJ University	Nil	1	1	Nil
13	SDO (Civil), Mairang, West Khasi Hills	Nil	1	1	Nil
14.	Land Records & Survey, Meghalaya	Nil	1	1	Nil
15	Sohra Syiemship	Nil	1	1	Nil
16	Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Nil	2	2	Nil
17	SDO MeECL, Phulbari Sub-Division	Nil	1	1	Nil
18	DRDA, South Garo Hills, aghmara	Nil	1	1	Nil
19	Myllem Syiemship	Nil	2	2	Nil
20	DSEL, Shillong	Nil	1	1	Nil
21	ADC & Member Secretary, DSC, West Garo Hills,	Nil	1	1	Nil



	Tura				
22	Tura Govt. College, West Garo Hills, Tura	Nil	1	1	Nil
			<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	

**Table 3.1.2**

Details of the complaints disposed of by the Commission during 2016

Sl. No	Case No.	Name of Complainant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Complaint/63/2015/7 Dated 18-1-2016 (Received 27-11-2015)	Abdul Tawab, 82, Garikhana, Shillong, 793002. Mobile – 9774140147	Public Information Officer, & Under Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Meghalaya, Shillong
2	MIC/Complaint/68/2015/7 Dated 18-1-2016 (Received 4-12-2015)	Shri D.Z.Malngiang, Mawlai Syllaikariah, Shillong – 793008, Phone No. 9774969350	PIO & Executive Engineer, PHE (Electrical) Division, Shillong, Nongmalki Road (Near Crinolin Swimming Pool), Shillong
3	MIC/Complaint/6/2016/5 Dated 21-1-2016 (Received 4-1-2016)	Shri Abraham Nongbet, Parmaw, 4 Mile Upper Shillong – 793005. Mobile – 94361-00310.	PIO, Directorate of Health Services (MI), Laitumkhrah, PIO, State Tuberculosis Officer, Upper Mawprem, Shillong.
4	No.MIC/Complaint/4/2016/9 Dated 1-2-2016 (Received 4-1-16)	Dr. Kalidas Sarma, Devkota Nagar, PO Devkota Nagar via Maligaon, Kamrup District (Metro), Pin – 781011	PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Campus Khanapara, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mile, G.S. Road, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya
5	No.MIC./Complaint/7/2016/7 Dated 8-2-2016 (Received 27-1-2016)	Smti Riewia Phawa, Shkenpyrsit Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya – 793150	PIO, Block Development Officer, Amlarem C&RD Block, Amlarem, West Jaintia Hills
6	No.MIC/Complaint/9/2016/9, Dated 8-2-2016 (Received 27-1-2016)	Shri Dilawar Swer, Education Secretary, Seng Bhalang Islam, Malki Pdengshnong, Shillong 793001 Phn. 9863384542	Public Information Officer & District School Education Officer, East Khasi Hills District,
7	MIC/Complaint/10/2016/9 Dated 8-2-2016 (Received 29-1-2016)	Shri Disparsing Rani, C/o D.Thabah Automobiles 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mile Upper Shillong, P.O. Kynton – 793 005. Phn. 9856617951	PIO, Block Development Officer, Mawsynram C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District

8	MIC/Complaint/11/2016/9 Dated 8-2-2016 (Received 29-1-2016)	Shri Dispersing Rani, C/o D.Thabah Automobiles 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mile Upper Shillong, P.O. Kynton – 793005 Phn. 9856617951	PIO, Block Development Officer, Shella-Bholaganj C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District
9	MIC/Complaint/12/2016/9 Dated 8-2-2016 (Received 29-1-2016)	Shri Dispersing Rani, C/O D.Thabah Automobiles 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mile Upper Shillong, P.O. Kynton – 793005 Phn. 9856617951	PIO, Block Development Officer, Mawrykneng C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District
10	MIC/RP/Complaint/656/2015 /11 Dated 8-2-2016 (Received 2-11-2015)	Smt. Bernadine M. Mawkhiew, C/o E.Villa, Lower Kharmalki, Near Spring Filed School, Shillong – 793001, Phn. – 9615931330	PIO, Director Progressive Primary Multipurpose Cooperative Society (PPMCS), Lower Lachamiere, Shillong
11	MIC/RP/Complaint/66/2015/ 259 Dated 10-2-2016 (Received 2-12-2015)	Shri Sanster R. Marak, R/o Bolkinggri, PO &PS Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District, Meghalaya	Public Information Officer, viz., Deputy Director, Health Services (MI), Shillong
12	MIC/Complaint/3/2016/4 Dated 15-2-2016 (Received 6-1-2016)	Shri Curtis Rani, Mawkneng, East Khasi Hills District, PO Mawphlang – 793115, BPO Mawdan Bitaw, Phone 8014205012	Public Information Officer, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lum Jingshai, Shillong-1
13	MIC/Complaint/2/2016/11 Dated 15-2-2016 (Received 12-1-2016)	Geeta Devi, Post Box No 385, Street No 19, Shivaji Nagar, PO Pashulok 249303, Rishikesh District, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Public Information Officer, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong
14	No.MIC/Complaint/67/2015/ 6 Dated 18-2-2016 (Received 3-12-2015)	Shri Kespar Nongrang, Mawjongka, Wahlang 9 Kyntoit, P.O. Mawph lang 793115, East Khasi Hills, Phn. 9615420802	Shri Petriect Syiemiong, Syiem & PIO Nongspung Syiemship, Wahlang 9 Kyntoit, East Khasi Hills, District
15	MIC/Complaint/5/2016/34 Dated 18-2-2016 (Received 18-1-2016)	Shri Sandi George Marwein, C/o Shri Stafford Star Rynjahm Mawlai Phudmawri, Madan Heh West, Shillong – 793 008, Phn 9774284035.	Public Information Officer, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lum Jingshai, Shillong –793 001
16	MIC/Complaint/14/2016/10 Dated 29-2-2016 (Received 23-2-2016)	Shri Sanster R. Marak, r/o Bolkinggri, PO & PS Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District, Meghalaya	PIO & District Medical & Health Officer, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District, Meghalaya

17	MIC/Complaint/15/2016/10 Dated 29-2-2016 (Received 23-2-2016)	Shri Jagmohan Tiwari, Kura Post Office, Madrass State Dindoury (MP), Pin – 481880, Mobile – 8435451306	Public Information Officer, CMJ University, Jorabat, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya
18	MIC/Complaint/21/2016/3 Dated 18-4-2016 (Received 12-4-2016)	Md. Sofi Kamrul Hassan, Shillong High Court, P.O. & Village – Old Bhaitbari. Mobile – 8414851550	PIO, Block Development Officer, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills District
19	MIC/Complaint/21/2016/5 Dated 18-4-2016 (Recd 12-4-2016)	Md Sofi Kamrul Hassan, Shillong High Court, P.O. & Village – Old Bhaitbari. Mobile – 8414851550	PIO, Block Development Officer, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills District
20	MIC/Complaint/19/2016/9 Dated 18-4-2016 (Received 28-3-2016)	Shri Donboklang L. Mawlong, Mawlong, P.O., Mairang. Mobile – 98567- 18717	PIO, Supply Branch, office of the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Mairang, West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya
21	MIC/Complaint/17/2016/6 Dated 18-4-2016 (Received 14-3-2016)	Shri B.P.Bajoria, Trust-in- charge, Kamakhyalal Bajoria Charitable Trust, Mani Bhavan, Lower Police Bazar, Shillong	PIO, Office of the Land Records & Survey, Meghalaya, Lower Lachaumiere, Shillong
22	MIC/Complaint/10/2016/9 Dated 18-4-2016 (Received 12-4-2016)	Shri Brawell Rynjah (Phanwanjah), Rangbah Kur In-charge Mawspang Village, Sohra Syiemship, East Khasi Hills District, P.O. Cherra Bazar – 793111	Public Information Officer office of the Syiem of Hima Sohra, Sohra Syiemship, East Khasi Hills District
23	MIC/Complaint/16/2016/14 Dated 9-5-2016 (Received 29-2-2016)	Shri S.K. Sharma, 30 Chandan Nagar, Survey Beltola Road, Guwhati, 28. Phn 9435144118	PIO, Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai, West Jaintia Hills
24	MIC/Complaint/25/2016/5 Dated 11-5-2016 (Received 9-5-2016)	Shri Sengbath Chambugong Marak, General Secretary, AYWO (CGB), Tura, Mobile 9856378020	PIO, Block Development Officer, Rongram C&RD Block, West Garo Hills, Tura
25	MIC/Complaint/1/2016/12 Dated 23-5-2016 (Received 15-1-2016)	Smt. Nisha Choudhary, D/o Shri Ashok Kumar Choudhary, Lal Babu Market, Professor Colony, Near Saint Louis School, North Shastri Nagar, Patna – 800023, Bihar	Shri Kumar Abhishek, PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Campus Khanapara, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mile, GS Road, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya
26	MIC/Complaint/64/2015/28 Dated 23-5-2016 (Received 1-12-2015)	Shri Arun Kumar, H. No. 145, Malka Ganj Road, Nehru Khtia, Delhi – 110 007	Shri Kumar Abhishek, PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus Khanapara, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mile, GS Road, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya
27	MIC/Complaint/26/2016/6	Abdul Karim, Village	PIO, Block Development

	Dated 6-6-2016 (Received 20-42-2016)	Gasbari, P.O. Bhaitbari, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. Phn. 9678309054	Officer, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills
28	MIC/Complaint/13/2016/6 Dated 6-6-2016 (Received 12-2-2016)	Rofiqua Islam, S/o Saher Ali, Chibinang, P.O. Bholarvita, West Garo Hills. Mobile 8974350309	PIO, Block Development Officer, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills District. The then Secretary, Chibinang VEC, C/o Block Development Officer, Selsella C & R D Block
29	MIC/Complaint/27/2016/8 Dated 6-6-2016 (Received 9-5-2016)	Shr Poipynhun Majaw, R/o Lumpariat Locality, Jowai, West Jaintia Hills. Phn 9856389134	Public Information Officer, viz., Chief Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills District Council, Jowai
30	MIC/Complaint/23/2016/11 Dated 6-6-2016 (Recd 12-4-2016)	Md. Sofi Kamrul Hassan, Shillong High Court, P.O. & Village – Old Bhaitbari, Phn. 8414851550	PIO, Block Development Officer, Selsella C&RD Block, West Garo Hills District
31	MIC/Complaint/8/2016/53 Dated 6-6-2016 (Received 12-4-2016)	Shri Dilawar Swer, Education Secretary, Seng Bhalang Islam, Shillong, Malki, Pdengshnong – 793001. Phone. 9863384542	PIO & District School Education Officer, East Khasi Hills District. Shri D.K.Dutta, Headmaster, Islamia Secondary School, GS Road, Shillong. Md. Zaheer, Secretary, Managing Committee Islamia Secondary School, GS Road, Shillong
32	MIC/Complaint/24/2016/17 Dated 20-6-2016 (Received 12-4-2016)	Md. Sofi Kamrul Hassan, Shillong High Court, P.O. & Village – Old Bhaitbari. Phn 8414851550	PIO & Sub Divisional Officer, MeECL, Phulbari Sub-Division, West Garo Hills District
33	MIC/Complaint/29/2016/7 Dated 27-6-2016 (Received 1-6-2016)	Shri Acharya V.D. Mishra, 2B-128, BCCL Township, Koylanagar, Dhanbad, Jharkhan – 826005, Phn. 8809631745	PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Campus Khanapara, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mile, GS Road, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya
34	MIC/Complaint/34/2016/3 Dated 10-8-2016 (Received 1-8-2016)	Shri Krun M Sangma, Mitap Bodolagre P.O. Chokpot, South Garo Hills, Phn. 9615901772	PIO & Project Director, DRDA, South Garo Hills, Baghmara
35	MIC/Complaint/32/2016/3 Dated 10-8-2016 (Received 1-8-2016)	Shri Krun M Sangma, Mitap Bodolagre P.O. Chokpot, South Garo Hills, Phn. 9615901772	PIO & BDO, Chokpot C & R D Block, South Garo Hills District
36	MIC/Complaint/35/2016/ Dated 5-9-2016 (Received 18-7-2016)	Shri Louis Dohdong, President, Poor People Movement Central Body, c/o H.Wankhar, Lawsotun, Block –II, Shillong – 793004. Phn	Joint Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong & First Appellate Authority. PIO, Office of the Dorbar Hima Mylliem, Mylliem

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37	MIC/Complaint/36/2016/ Dated 5-9-2016 (Received 18-7-2016)	Shri Louis Dohtdong, President, Poor People Movement Central Body, c/o H.Wankhar, Lawsohtun, Block –II, Shillong – 793004. Phn 08575911858	Public Information Officer, office of the Dorbar Hima Mylliem, Mylliem Syiemship, Mawkhar, Shillong
38	MIC/Complaint/33/2016/7 Dated 6-9-2016 (Received 4-8-2016)	Shri Daut M.Marak, Burny Hills Tura, P.O. Dakopgre, West Garo Hills – 794101. Phn 8974393577	First Appellate Authority & District School Education Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura. Shri R. Kr Hajong, PIO, Sub Divisional School Education Officer, Dadenggre, West Garo Hills
39	MIC/Complaint/37/2016/65 Dated 29-9-2016 (Received 11-8-2016)	Smt. Archana Hajong, Vill- Majherchar – I (Fakirpara), P.O. & P.S. Mahendraganj, District South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794106	PIO & Joint Secretary, Education Department, Shillong PIO & Monitoring Officer, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong. Shri George Renang K. Sangma, PIO & Sub- Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati, South West Garo Hills
40	MIC/Complaint/40/2016/ Dated 19-10-2016 (Received 7-9-2016)	Shri Silnang Ch Marak, Chief Organising Secretary, Achik Youth Council, Apex Administrative Board, Nehru Ading, Hawakhana, West Garo Hills, Tura – 794001 Mobile – 8119931569/ 8794542547 E-mail – <a href="mailto:achikyouthcouncil@gmail.com">achikyouthcouncil@gmail.com</a>	PIO & Member-Secretary (Addl. Deputy Commissioner), District Selection Committee, West Garo Hills District, Tura

## Penalties/Compensations awarded during 2016

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainants/ Appellants	Name of PIO/Public Authorities	Amount of Penalty/ Compensation
1	MIC/Complaint/24/2016/17 Dated 20-6-2016 (Received on 12-4-2016)	Md. Sofi Kamrul Hassan, Shillong High Court, P.O. & Village – Old Bhaitbari. Phn 8414851550	PIO & Sub-Divisional Officer, MeECL, Phulbari Sub-Division, West Garo Hills District	₹ 8,750.00 (Penalty)
2	MIC/Complaint/37/2016/65 Dated 29-9-2016 (Received on 11-8-2016)	Archana Hajong, Vill- Majherchar – I (Fakirpara), P.O. & P.S. Mahendraganj, District South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794106	.Shri George Renang K. Sangma, Public Information Officer & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati, South West Garo Hills	₹ 25,000.00 (Penalty)

### 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 Sections 18 (1) (b) and 18 (1) (c) of the RTI 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 or false information.

Table 3.2.1 below gives a picture of the number of complaints filed under different clauses of Section 18 of the Right to Information Act 2005.

**Table 3.2.1**

Section, Sub-sections and Clauses	No. of Complaints carried over from last year	No. of Complaints filed during the year	Total Nos. of Complaints with the Commission	No. of Complaints disposed	No. of Complaints rejected
18 (1) (a)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18 (1) (b)	Nil	33	33	33	Nil
18 (1) (c)	Nil	5	5	5	Nil
18 (1) (d)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18 (1) (e)	Nil	2	2	Nil	Nil
18 (1) (f)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total		40	40	40	

## 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 by the information seekers against the PIOs and First Appellate Authorities (FAA) / Designated Appellate Authorities (DAA). Section 19 of the RTI 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 *eleven appeals* were received by the Commission.

The department-wise receipt and disposal of Second Appeals by the State Information Commission is given in Table 4.1.1 below.

**Table 4.1.1**

Department-wise receipt and disposal of appeals by the Commission

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	No. of Appeals pending with the Commission at the end of last year	No. of Appeals preferred during the year	Total No. of Appeals with the Commission	No. of Appeals Disposed	No. of Appeals Rejected
1	Mahatma Gandhi University	Nil	2	2	2	Nil
2	DH&TE, Shillong	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
3	A H & Veterinary, Shillong	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
4	Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
5	Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
6	Office of the DGP, Meghalaya	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
7	CMJ University, Jorabad, Ri-Bhoi District	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
8	Tura Govt. College, Tura, West Garo Hills	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
9	Labour Deptt.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
10	C & R D Deptt	Nil	1	1	1	Nil
	Total		11	11	11	

**Table 4.2.1**

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

Sl.No.	Case No.	Name of Appellant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Appeal/1/2016/23 Dated 21-1-2016 (Received 18-1-2016)	Shri Arun Kumar, H. No. 145, Malka Ganj Road, Nehru Khtia, Delhi – 110 007	First Appellate Authority, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus Khanapara, 13th Mile, G.S. Road, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya Public Information Officer, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus Khanapara, 13th Mile, G.S. Road, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya
2	MIC/Appeal/02/2016/13 Dated 29-2-2016 (Received 19-2-2016)	Shri Paul Sharma, 1133/14B, Luxumi St.Shiv Puri Road, Ludhiana, 141 001, Punjab	First Appellate Authority, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus Khanapara, 13th Mile, G.S. Road, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya Public Information Officer, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus Khanapara, 13th Mile, G.S. Road, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya
3	MIC/Appeal/4/2016/12 Dated 22-4-2016 (Received 18-4-2016)	Shri Amit Kumar Prasad, Vill- Parbelia Colliery (Amdanga), PO & PS – Neturia District- Perulia (West Bengal) – 723121	Shri C.P.Gotmare, IAS, Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong. Shri O.Ropmay, Joint Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong
4	MIC/Appeal/3/2016/13 Dated 18-4-2016 (Received 17-3-2016)	Shri Phar Sari, Chairman, Jaintia Hills District Primary Milk Producer Coop. Union Mukhla, West Jaintia Hills. Phone – 8014972998	Director, A.H. & Veterinary, Meghalaya, Shillong, Garikhana, Shillong. Public Information Officer viz., District A.H. & Vety., Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai
5	MIC/Appeal/5/2016/6 Dated 9-5-2016 (Received 3-5-2016)	Shamim Zakaria, S/o Lt. M.H. Mollan, Village – Barmanpara, (Nagarband), P.O. & P.S. Phulbari, District West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	First Appellate Authority & Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura. Public Information Officer, office of the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura
6	MIC/Appeal/1/2016/13 Dated 23-5-2016 (Received 21-1-2016)	Shri Arun Kumar, H. No. 145, Malka Ganj Road, Nehru Khtia, Delhi – 110 007	Shri Kumar Abhishek, Public Information Officer, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus Khanapara, 13th Mile, G.S. Road, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya
7	MIC/Appeal/19/2015/21 Dated 23-5-2016	Shri Arun Kumar, H. No. 145, Malka Ganj Road, Nehru Khtia,	Shri Kumar Abhishek, Public Information Officer, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus

	(Received 1-12-2015)	Delhi – 110 007	Khanapara, 13th Mile, G.S. Road, District Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya
8	MIC/Appeal/6/2016/ Dated 12-9-2016) (Received 16-8-2016)	Shri Pyrkhat Bha Shabong, S/o T.L.Rapmai, Resident of Nongtraï Village, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya. Phone – 98632-55741	Shri B.Kharbuli, First Appellate Authority & Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong. Shri W.C.Paswett, Public Information Officer & Deputy Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong
9	MIC/Appeal/8/2016/9 Dated 3-10-2016) (Received 20-9-2016)	Shri Philip Marwein, Editor, 'The Youth Today', Shillong	Public Information Officer & Appellate Authority O/o the DGP Meghalaya
10	MIC/Appeal/11/2016/14 Dated 24-11-2016) (Received 14-11-2016)	Shri Sachendra Kumar Dikshit, s/o Shri Mathura Prasad Dikshit, 108, Church Road, Harkowly Kothy, Civil Line Sitapur , UP	First Appellate Authority (FAA), viz., C.M.J. Universtiy, Jorabat, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya. Public Information Officer (PIO), C.M.J. Universtiy, Jorabat, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya
11	MIC/Appeal/10/2016/7 Dated 21-11-2016) (Received 26-10-2016)	Shri Silning D. Sangma, President, Post Graduate students' Union, NEHU, Tura, Campus, Address: Chasingre, Permanent Campus, NEHU, Tura, P.O. Chandmary - 794002, P.S. Tura, Phone 09856474898	First Appellate Authority (FAA), viz, Principal, Tura Govt., College, Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. Public Information Officer (PIO), Tura Govt., College, Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya

## Chapter 5

### **Penalties/Compensation and Disciplinary Action {Section 20 (1)}**

#### **5.1. Penalties imposed by the State Information Commission**

Under Section 19 (8) the State Information Commission is empowered to impose penalties. Section 20 (1) 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 RTI 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 2016 imposed the penalties as indicated in Table 5.1.1 below.

**Table 5.1.1**

Penalties awarded during 2016 by the State Information Commission

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainants/ Appellants	Name of PIO/ Public Authorities	Amount of Penalty/ Compensation
1	MIC/Complaint/24/2016/17 Dated 20-6-2016 (Received 12-4-2016)	Md. Sofi Kamrul Hassan, Shillong High Court, P.O. & Village – Old Bhaitbari, Phn 8414851550	Public Information Officer & Sub Divisional Officer, MeECL, Phulbari Sub-Division, West Garo Hills District	₹ 8,750.00 (Penalty)
2	MIC/Complaint/37/2016/65 Dated 29-9-2016 (Received 11-8-2016)	Archana Hajong, Vill- Majherchar – I (Fakirpara), P.O. & P.S. Mahendraganj 794106, District South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	Shri George Renang K. Sangma, Public Information Officer & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati, South West Garo Hills	₹ 25,000.00 (Penalty)

## Chapter 6

### Highlights of some of the important decisions of the Commission

(Orders passed by the Commission)

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#### Case No.MIC/Complaint/69/2015/7

Shri D.Z.Malngiang, Mawlai Syllaikariah, East Khasi Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., o/o the E.E.,(PHE), Electrical Division, Shillong - Respondent

18-1-2016

#### ORDER

Case records put up today.

The Complainant, Shri D.Z.Malngiang is present. The Respondent PIO & Executive Engineer,(PHE), Electrical Division, Shillong, Shri Balamshwa Lyngdoh Lawai is also present.

Briefly, the facts of the case are that, the complainant Shri D.Z.Malngiang has filed an RTI application before the Respondent PIO on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, to the Respondent PIO & Executive Engineer (PHE), Electrical Division, Shillong. He complained that he did not receive the information and hence he filed this complaint before the Commission.

The complainant in his submission today also stated that though his application was submitted on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, but the application fee was not taken by the office till the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, only after continuous effort of visiting the office before he was able to submit the same. This harassment could have been avoided by the office by simply receiving the application fee and the application immediately by the PIO.

The Respondent PIO & Executive Engineer,(PHE), Electrical Division, Shillong in his submission stated that information was collected in time and was made ready for delivery to the applicant. According to him, applicants normally comes and collect the information personally from the office and therefore this time also it was not sent, hoping that the applicant will come and collect the information from the office. However, immediately after receiving the notice from the Commission, the information was arranged to be handed over to the applicant.

The Commission noted the submissions made by both the parties and regretted to note that the provisions of the RTI Act were not being followed by the Respondent PIO. It is not the duty of the applicant to come to the office to collect the information, as the information could have been easily send by post to the address of the applicant, if the information required is not too bulky. Alternatively, he could have called him in his mobile phone number and ask him to deposit the cost of photo copying ,as provided under rules, before furnishing the information and thereafter the applicant could collect the information from the office. Unfortunately, this was not done and the applicant also was not informed.

Although the PIO stated that he is not aware of the delay in obtaining the cash receipt, The Commission note with regret that the allegations by the complainant about the delay in furnishing of the cash receipt for the application which has delayed in submission of his application. The Commission directs the Respondent PIO to streamline his office and to ensure that this kind of harassment be avoided and the public should face no problem in this regard.

The information has since been provided to the applicant before the Commission. This being the first case where the Respondent PIO has mis-interpreted the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commission has taken a lenient view and refrain itself from imposing a penalty. However, he is cautioned that in future that any such lapses will be viewed seriously and the provisions of the Act will be strictly followed.

Case disposed of.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
CIC

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/6/2016/5**

Shri Abraham Nongbet, 4<sup>th</sup> Mile Upper Shillong - Complainant

- Vrs -

The P.I.O., Deputy Director, DHS (MI), Shillong - Respondent

**21-1-2016**

**O R D E R**

Perused complaint petition dated 16.12.2015.

According to the Complainant, he had filed an application for information under the RTI Act, 2005 dated 10-12-2015 to the PIO, Directorate of Health Service (MI), Shillong and the PIO, on the same day, transferred the application to the PIO, State Tuberculosis Officer, Shillong and request him to furnish the information within 30 days directly to the applicant with intimation to him.

The Commission perused the documents enclosed with the complaint and found that the PIO of DHS (MI) has –

- (i) transferred the application as provided under section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, presumably, because the information is not available in the Public Authority;
- (ii) informed the applicant that the information is not considered as one which concerned life and liberty of the applicant.

With regards to (i) above, the Commission is of the view that there is no reason to interfere with the decision of the PIO, unless the applicant has any supporting evidence to show otherwise.

With regards to (ii) above, a contract appointment itself indicates that there is a specific period under which the contract will operate. It is up to the employer to decide whether the contract should be extended or not, depending on his need. Before entering the contract, the applicant knows the tenure of the contract. To say that non-extension of a contract affects the *life and liberty* of the applicant is unreasonable and difficult to accept. Since the PIO has informed the applicant accordingly, there is no further action required.

The PIO of the Public Authority to whom the applicant is transferred is expected, under the Law, to furnish whatever information available with him.

The complaint is rejected.

Case disposed of.

Sd/-  
( C.D.Kynjing )  
CIC



**Case No.MIC/Complaint/4/2016/9**

Dr Kalidas Sarma, Devkota Nagar, Kamrup District - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya - Respondent

**1-2-2016**

**ORDER**

Seen the complaint petition dated 29.12.2015 from Dr Kalidas Sarma, Devkota Nagar, Kamrup District against the PIO of Mahatma Gandhi University, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya. According to the petitioner, he first filed an application on 2-7-2015 seeking some information about Research Scholars from Assam who have completed M.Phil and Ph.D degree from Mahatma Gandhi University. It appears that the reply was not furnished by the University. Again, he reminded the PIO on 21.8.2015 when a reply was furnished on 3.9.2015, stating that the information is exempted under section 8 (1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005. Hence, this complaint.

The information sought by the applicant is as follows:“Provide name of the research scholar from Assam who have completed M.Phil and Ph. D. Degree from the Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya since the start of research Programme to till date, if the research scholar employed furnish name of the College/University/Institution, Mode of award of M.Phil/Ph.D. (Distance/Regular) and provide name of the centre if degree awarded through distance mode, Date of course works started, Date of course work completed by the scholar, Date and numbers of Provisional registration, date and numbers of final registration, Name of laboratory/Library used by scholar during research. Whether Laboratory/Library UGC Recognised? (Mention YES/No), date of awards of Degree, Name of referred Journal where his/her research paper has been published before awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree, Title of the research paper published with ISSN/ISBN number and year of publication. (If scholar comes under UGC minimum standard and procedure, Regulation 2009) and seeking information in tabular form.

- 1) Provide Photocopy of notification for the awards of M.Phil and Ph.D. Degree of the research scholar from Assam who has completed Ph.D. and M.Phil Degree so far. Mark Secured by him in Post Graduation and registration numbers.

- 2) Provide name of the M.Phil/Ph.D. Research Scholar from Assam who are currently doing Research in the Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, their date of registration and registration numbers, date of Commencement of Course work, name of the supervisor if employed, Name of the Institute/College/University and date of joining of course works (seeking information in tabular form).”

Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005 defines information as follows: "information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force.

Further Section 3 of the RTI Act provides that subject to the provisions of this Act, all citizens shall have the right to information. Section 8 provides the circumstances under which the information is exempted.

The Commission perused the application of the applicant and it would appear that if the University were to supply the information it would have to examine the records of all the candidates, who have been awarded a Ph D form the University and those who are presently registered for M.Phil and Ph.D. Degree and thereafter sort out all the candidates from Assam, before the information is furnish to the applicant. Further, the applicant states that he requires the information for his research and has placed the query in such a way that the University will do the job for him and all he has to do is to paste the information so compiled by the University. A perusal of the information sought would indicate that there is a lot of personal information sought by him, such as the employment status of candidates, the name of his research paper, its publication and also the marks obtained by him/her, in different examinations.

Section 4 of the RTI Act 2005, provides that it is compulsory for the Public Authority to place certain information in the Public domain and that those information mostly concern with the policies and programmes, regarding the public authority rather than giving the details of the Research Scholars who have registered and qualified the M.Phil & Ph.D programme. The information provided by the candidates to the University, is their personal information and therefore

they may not like to part with it, unless the procedure as prescribed in section 11 of the Act is followed ,since it is a 3rd party information provided by the candidates to the University. Under the circumstances, since there is no provision in the RTI Act, 2005, which clearly state that all those details should be placed in the public domain; there is no obligation on the University to do so. One of the objective of the Act is to provide “Transparency and Accountability” in the functioning of the Public Authorities. Thus such information can only be provided when there is a question of Public interest. The information sought, as required by the research scholar, is regarding M Phil and PhD candidates from Assam only, to facilitate his research work. Besides, the fact that the information sought is not specific, it also involves personal information. As defined in section 2(f) of the Act it is only those information which are available can be provided in that form subject to section 8 of the Act. It is not the intention of the RTI Act to provide an easy way for research scholar to collect all information, including personal information, which is not meant to be provided to the applicant. There is certain information which is meant to be kept private by the University and those information are not to be parted with unless there is a question of public interest involved and after a proper notice is issued to the third party and its views/opinion taken under section 11 of the Act before disclosure. However, it appears to the Commission that the Mahatma Gandhi University has not complied with section 4 of the Act and even the information necessary to be kept in the Public domain has not been complied.

For the reasons stated above, The Commission while rejecting the Complaint of Dr Kalidas Sarma, hereby issues *a direction to the Public authority that all the information as required under Section 4 of the Act be immediately compiled and the information placed in the Public domain within 30 days from the date of issue of this order.*

*Compliance report should be submitted to the Commission by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 positively.*

Sd/-  
( C.D.Kynjing )  
CIC

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**Case No.MIC/Complaint/56/2015/11**

Bernadine M.Mawkhiew, Lower Kharmalki, Shillong - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO viz., Director, Progressive Primary Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Shillong - Respondent

**8-2-2016**

**ORDER**

The Director, Progressive Primary Multipurpose Cooperative Society (PPMCS), Shillong, submitted the documents in support of their claim that the PPMCS cannot be treated as Public Authority and has relied mainly in the decision of the Supreme Court of India in *Thalappalam Service Co-operative Bank Ltd. and others-vrs-State of Kerala and others* in the *Civil Appeal No.9017 of 2013*(Arising out of SLP(C) No.24290 of 2012 ) With *Civil Appeal No.s 9020, 9029, & 9023 of 2013* (Arising out of *SLP (C) No. 24291 of 2012, 13796 and 13797 of 2013*) . Date of decision 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. In pursuance of the earlier orders of the Commission, he also submitted the audited balance sheet, showing the profit and loss account for the last five years starting with the year 2009-10 to 2013-14, including the byelaws regarding the formation of the society and the certificate of registration. The Board of Directors of the society consists of not more than seven members and only one member representing the Government.

The Complainant, Smti Bernadine M.Mawkhiew, in her written submission claimed that the Supreme Court Judgment in Civil Appeal 9017 of 2013 is not applicable to this case and therefore PPMCS should be considered as a public authority within the frame work of RTI Act, 2005. She further stated that with the 97<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of India, forming of a Co-operative Society is also a Fundamental Right .According to the Directive Principles of the State Policy (as amended), it is the duty of the State to promote voluntary formation, autonomous functioning, democratic control and professional management of Co-operative Societies to encourage economic activities of co-operatives, which in turn would facilitate progress of rural India. According to her, while Co-operative Societies were not accountable under the RTI Act 2005 earlier i.e., before the 97<sup>th</sup> Amendment Act , with the inclusion of part

IX C in the Constitution, the scenario has changed and the co-operative societies are now accountable to the State and the public and consequently falls under RTI Act 2005. Though in the past, several Information Commissions and Courts had given contradictory verdicts on the issue whether the Co-operative Societies were within the ambit of the RTI Act, 2005 or not, with the inclusion of part IX C, it has become the Fundamental Right of the citizen. Further with regard to the payment of application fee, she stated that “since PPMCS do not have a proper PIO nor does it believe that it falls under RTI Act, 2005 henceforth the mode of payment made by me may have look in appropriate as receiving the RTI mode of payment was not in place at PPMCS. Henceforth I cannot be taken as defaulter in this issue; nevertheless I will hand over an IPO to any representative of PPMCS on the hearing dated 14.12.2015”. She also stated that with the inclusion of part IX of the Constitution of India which comprise self government like part IX A ,pertaining to Panchayats, part IX B about Municipalities and part IX C about the Co-operative Societies, the cooperative societies has also acquired the status of local self government together with the Panchayats and Municipalities. Therefore, Co-operative Societies also should come under the purview of the RTI Act, 2005.

The Commission perused all the documents submitted by the parties in this case. It is a fact that the Constitution has been amended; vide the Constitution 97th amendment Act 2011, which was notified on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. It is also a fact that formalation of Co-operative Societies has become a Fundamental Right, which is included in article 19 of the Constitution. Further, it was also included in the Directive Principles, under article 43B, that it is the duty of the State to endeavor to promote voluntary formulation, autonomous functioning, democratic control and professional management of the Co-operative Societies. The Amendment further goes to include article 243ZL, which states that the legislature of the State, may, by law make provisions with respect to incorporation, regulation and winding up of Co-operative Society base on the principle of voluntary formation, democratic member-control, member economic participation and autonomous functioning. If the Articles are examined, it is clear while the formation of Panchayats and Municipalities are compulsory, that of the Cooperative societies is voluntary. The Constitution of India at Article 243B(1) states that ,“There shall be constituted in every State Panchayats at the Village, intermediate and District level s in accordance with the provisions of this

part”. In 243Q (1) it states, “There shall be constituted in every State, - (a) a Nagar Panchayat....” In the case of Article 243ZI, it states “Subject to the provision of this Part, the Legislature of a State may, by law, make provisions with respect to the incorporation, regulation and winding up of cooperative societies base on the principles of voluntary formation democratic member-control, member economic participation and autonomous functioning.” Thus it is clear that while Panchayats and Municipalities are mandatory statutory bodies, the Citizens have been given a fundamental right to form cooperative societies.

The issue whether a Co-operative Society registered under Kerala’s Society Act will fall within the definition of public authority under section 2 (h) of the RTI Act came up before the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the *case Thalappalam Service Co-operative Bank Ltd.-vrs-State of Kerala and others in the Civil Appeal 9017 of 2013*. The case was decided on 7.10.2013, after the 97<sup>th</sup> amendment came into force, and the Hon’ble Supreme Court had already taken into account this fact. The Hon’ble Court observed that, with this amendment the right of the citizen to form Co-operative Societies voluntary has been raised to the level of Fundamental Right and the State has to endeavor to promote their autonomous functioning. However, Co-operative Societies are not treated as units of self government, like Panchayats and Municipalities. The Societies thus are not “owned” by the Government nor is it “controlled” by the appropriate Government.

The Commission also while examining the balance sheet and other relevant documents of the Society, found that though there is an equity participation in the society by the Government and there is only one member in the Board of Directors, there is hardly any control by the State Government. There is no regular Grant or subsidy from the Government. The Society survives on the basis of its own business and it is not substantially financed directly or in-directly by funds provided by the appropriate Government. In case under reference, the Supreme Court observes in its judgment “para 38: Merely providing subsidiaries, grants, exemptions, privileges etc, as such, cannot be said to be providing funding to a substantial extent, unless the record shows that the funding was so substantial to the body which practically runs by such funding and but for such funding, it would struggle to exist. The State may also float many schemes generally for the betterment and welfare of the cooperative sector

like deposit guarantee schemes, scheme of assistance from NABARD etc., but those facilities or assistance cannot be termed as “substantially financed” by the State Government to bring the body within the fold of “public authority” under section 2(h)(d)(i) of the Act. But, there are instances, where private educational institutions getting ninety five per cent grant-in-aid from the appropriate government, may answer the definition of “public authority under section 2 (h) (d) (i)”.

Under the circumstances stated above, the Commission did not find any convincing arguments other than to go along with Supreme Court Judgment in this case and therefore reject the submissions of the complainant accordingly. The complaint is dismissed.

Case disposed of.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
**CIC**

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/3/2016/4**

Shri Curtis Rani, Mawkneng East Khasi Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

The P.I.O., Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lumjingshai - Respondent

**15-2-2016**

**ORDER**

Case record put up today.

The Complainant, Shri Curtis Rani is present. The Respondent PIO & Chief Executive Officer, Central Circle, MePDCL, Shillong, Shri O.Riang is present. Briefly the fact of the case is that, the Commission has received a complaint from Shri Curtis Rani that he filed an RTI application before the Respondent PIO on 18-11-2015. However, he did not receive any reply and hence this complaint.

The Respondent PIO in his submission stated that it is a fact the he received an RTI application from the Complainant and all information compiled vide letter No.MePDCL/CEO/CC-SH/T-230/2015-16/29 Dated 2-12-2015, was kept ready for dispatch in the office in anticipation that Shri Curtis Rani will collect the same after payment of the requisite photo copying fees. However, immediately thereafter, there was heavy pressure and overwork on works relating to maintenance of power supply for the Christmas and New Year followed by the Public Information Campaign and preparation of the South Asian Games. Unfortunately, this RTI application escaped his notice and the reply could not be sent by post also. As a result, there was a slight delay in furnishing the same. In the meantime, the complaint was received and the letter remained undelivered to Shri Curtis Rani, for which error he apologized to the Commission. He assured that this will not be repeated in future. All the information was handed over to the complainant free of cost before the Commission. The Complainant was happy with the information provided.

The Commission noted the circumstances of the case and is of the opinion that since the PIO has shown his sincerity in collection of voluminous information and due to circumstances and his nature of work, unfortunately the information could not be given. The Commission, therefore, has taken a lenient view on the matter and restraints itself from imposing a penalty against the PIO. However, he is to note that any such laxity in future will be viewed seriously by the Commission.

Case disposed of.

Sd/-  
( C.D.Kynjing )  
CIC



**Case No.MIC/Complaint/5/2016/34**

Shri Stafford Star Rynjah, Mawlai Phudmawri - Complainant

- Vrs -

The P.I.O., Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lumjingshai - Respondent

**18-2-2016**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

On 18-01-2016, the Commission received a complaint from Shri Sandi George Marwein and 8(eight) others stating that they had applied for information under the RTI Act 2005 to the PIO MeECL on 26-10-2015, along with the request for the inspection .The PIO, MeECL vide letter No.MeECL/PRO-PIO-RTI/2015-16/50 dated 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, called them for inspection on 15-1-2015(presumably15-1-2016) at 2:00 PM. In this connection, they have submitted an authorization to the PIO naming persons who will assist them. However, the PIO insisted that only Shri Sandi Goerge Marwein, whose name appears first among the applicants, will be allowed to inspect .Hence this Complaint.

The Commission took note of this complaint and proceeded to inquire into the matter by asking for all the relevant documents/records from the PIO, MeECL, who accordingly submitted the papers. From the documents available, it appears that Shri Sandi George Marwein and 8(eight) others applied for information under the RTI Act as follows:

“Please provide me all documents and files including note sheets, correspondences, memos, orders, decisions etc regarding the following:-

1. Provide a list of names of engineering employees (Computer Science & Electronics) in your office including all divisions employed from inception of MeECL till date, indicating year of joining, exam cleared including date of exam (writing & Personal) , appointment letters etc., place of posting etc, year of retirement or resignation or vacating of post.
2. Provide office policies regarding recruitment of engineering staff.

3. Provide all advertisements calling for applications for the post of engineering (Computer Science & Electronics) employees, including any latest advertisement.
4. List and score sheet of all candidates who have cleared the exams in response to the advertisements at s1.3.
5. How many of the candidates from the merit lists have been offered the job till date.
6. Will all the candidates whose name appeared in the merit list be offered a job?
7. When are these successful candidates likely to be offered a job? Please provide documents.
8. Please provide reasons supported by documents' as to why all the successful candidates have not been offered a job till date.
9. Provide a projection of likely vacancies for computer science & electronics engineering for the next Two years for your office main & all divisions' office.

Please provide a point wise reply to the above queries, further we would like to inspect all original files and note sheets before we take the information.

For your reference, please find the list of the successful candidates in Annexure-I who are still awaited for appointments against the exam of Junior Engineer (JE)”.

This application was received by the Public Relations Officer, Meghalaya Energy Corporation, 1, Shillong. The PIO, MeECL vide his letter No.MeECL/PRO-PIO-RTI/2014-15/38 dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, sought for the information from the Under Secretary, Corporate Affairs, MeECL, Shillong and also sent a copy of this letter to Shri Sandi George Marwein, along with the original receipt bearing No.A714008 dated 27-10-2015. It appears that this letter, which was sent to Shri Sandi George Marwein, was returned back to the office with a remark indicating that “not known, returned to sender” (signed on 6-11-2015). On receipt of the information from the Under Secretary, the PIO vide letter No.MeECL/PRO-PIO-RTI/2015-16/42 dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, the PIO sent a letter to Shri Sandi George Marwein, C/o Stafford Star Rynjah, Mawlai Phudmawri, Madan Heh West, Shillong – 8; furnishing information on all the items, except item 4 which was denied. He also informed that in the event of inspection only part of the record as relevant and furnish on your

request shall be given access and only you (considered to be the applicant and not all) shall be allowed, in which case you should give a prior notification for inspection thereby subject to the fixation of date and timing by the respective Branch of MeECL office and after paying of the fees as prescribed under the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005. On 26-11-2015, a letter was again submitted by the applicants to the PIO, MeECL , Shillong where they insist on inspection of all original files and note sheets as per the RTI application dated 26-10-2015, and has returned the letter No. MeECL/PRO-PIO-RTI/2015-16/42 dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, and all the documents therein and stated that those papers to be taken only if relevant, after having inspected the original files and note sheets. Thereafter, the PIO vide letter No.MeECL/PRO-PIO-RTI/2015-16/50 dated 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, informed Shri Sandi George Marwein as follows:

*“In response to the letter stated in reference no. 1 above; it is to inform that, while acting in a fair and judicious manner, point wise replies were furnished to you in good faith vide this Office letter as stated under reference No.2 against your RTI application dated 26.10.2015 (copy enclosed herewith for your own reference). The stated letter of this Office in reference No.2 also contained original receipt against the payment of application fee. However, the letter (along with the original receipt) were returned back to this Office vide the letter of inspection stated in reference no. 1, which was signed by Stafford Star Rynjah, although the letter was addressed to you. These were not in the essence of RTI Act. It may be stated that under Chapter II Section 6 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, only 'A person' can make a request for obtaining information and in the light of which you were considered as the applicant and the letter in reference 2 was addressed to you accordingly in good faith. Others, if desire may file their RTI applications individually as per the Act.*

*As regards to inspection, the terms & conditions remain the same for access to information as was mentioned in this Office letter in reference No. 2 (again enclosed herewith along with the original receipt of application fee). Also prior to the inspection, you shall have to bring along with you, your call letter (in original) as issued by MeECL along with your identity proof to authenticate that you are Sandy George Marwein. Further to reiterate that, any confidential information and/or information pertaining to others (other than you) as sought cannot be provided*

*neither can be given access to, as this is not in larger public interest and the disclosure of same may harm the candidates already in service. This decision was taken under Section 8 (d) of Chapter II of the RTI Act, 2005. Hence, you (and not anyone else) shall be given access to only that part of the record pertaining to you, which is not confidential and/or the information as was already furnished to you on your request. The date of inspection as decided with the concerned cell of MeECL shall be on 15.01.2015 at 02:00pm at the MeECL Conference Hall, Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong. You are liable to clear the postal charges on the returned letter in addition to inspection fee (if any) prior to the inspection and also for the copies of information (if any) after the inspection, as per Right to Information (Regulation of Fee & Cost) Rules, 2005 - amendment thereto.*

*You may also appeal to the appellate authority within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the address of which was stated in this Office letter sent earlier as quoted (and as enclosed herewith)”.*

The Commission perused the records and documents in the case. It noted the fact that signature of Shri Sandi George Marwein is not the same on 26-10-2015, 26-11-2015 and on 15-1-2016. Further the fact that the letter addressed to him was returned, could have created doubts on the identity of the Applicant. Thus, there is nothing wrong with the Action of the PIO for asking the identity of the applicant to whom he had addressed the letter.

Section 6(1) provides “ A person, who desires to obtain any information under this Act, shall make a request in writing or through electronic means in English or Hindi or in the official language of the area in which the application is being made, accompanying such fee as may be prescribed, to -

*(a) The Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, of the concerned public authority ....*

*(2) An applicant making request for information shall not be required to give any reason for requesting the information or any other personal details except those that may be necessary for contacting him.”*

From this definition, it is clear that while any citizen has the right to get the information as provided under section 3 of the Act, the sections speaks of a singular person and did not mention about a group of persons applying for information together. It is not mentioned in the Act nor will it be practicable or feasible to furnish the information to each and every applicant in the same application. At the same time, while the application was not rejected by the PIO on this ground, (The commission is of the view that) the PIO did not commit any violation of the Act since the information was furnished to the applicant, whose name appears first on the list of applicants. From the records of the case, it appears that all the applicants insisted that they should be allowed to inspect the documents along with another two persons (9 +2) that is 11 persons in total. It has to be kept in mind that during inspection either a PIO or a representative of the Public Authority has to be present all the time to assist the applicant and also to ensure that all documents are intact. Therefore, it may not be feasible for the PIO to arrange for so many people for inspection. While it is the right of the applicant to inspect the documents and records, even taking of assistance for him to inspect the documents, this right of his cannot be extended nor can be delegated to others without he himself exercising that right. It is unfortunate that although the applicant, whose name appears first on the list was given an opportunity to inspect the documents, yet he refused to do so because others were not allowed to accompany him. It is to be noted that it is the responsibility of the PIO to maintain that all that documents and records produced before the inspection should be secured and maintained as these documents are records of the office and are to be kept in safe custody. It may therefore be argued that since he has refused to conduct the inspection he has forfeited his right and the PIO cannot be held responsible for this. On the other hand, the PIO could have allowed at least one person to assist him in this regard. Section 2(f) defines "information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force”

From this definition, it emerges that information means only the existing materials on any records and documents where a decision have already been taken and does not refer to any future events. With regard to the present application, it appears that the

PIO have furnished all the information in connection with the case except item 4. However, considering the fact that the applicant have asked for inspection of these records and document, in all fairness, the Commission deemed it fit that another opportunity may be given to him do so. The Commission, therefore, hereby issues a direction to the PIO that the first applicant, Sandi George Marwein, along with one assistant may be allowed to inspect those records and documents (which are not exempted under Section 8) relating to the application, including the merit list and the total scores obtained by each candidates in the examination as requested at item NO 4. The names/identity of the members of the interview Board and the individual marks given by them is not to be disclosed nor shown during inspection, in accordance with the landmark judgement in the *Central Board of secondary Education and Anr Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and Ors [ 2011(4) JCR 14(SC), JT2011(9) SC 212,2011 (3) KLT (SN)117, 2011-4-LW 289,2011(8) SCALE 645 (2011 8SCC 497]* . In this connection, the PIO has to fix a convenient date for inspection, giving prior notice to the applicant, Sandi George Marwein, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order, and Inspection fees as per *Right to Information (Regulation of Fee & Cost) Rules, 2005 - amendment thereto*, and copies of the documents, as required by the applicant, should be given on payment of charges as per *Meghalaya Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005*.

Fix **20<sup>th</sup> March 2016** for compliance.

With this direction, the Case is disposed of. Liberty is given to Shri Sandi George Marwein to come back to the Commission, if these directions are not complied with.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
CIC

**Case No. MIC/Appeal/3/2016/13**

Shri Phar Sari, Chairman, JHDPMPUCU, Mukhla, West Jaintia Hills - Appellant

-Vrs-

FAA & Director, A.H. & Veterinary, Meghalaya  
PIO & District A.H.& Vety., Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai } Respondents

**18-4-2016**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Appellant, Shri Phar Sari is present. The Respondent PIO & District A.H. & Veterinary Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai is present. The First Appellate Authority & Director, A.H. & Veterinary, Meghalaya, Shillong is present.

Briefly the fact of the case is that, on 22-12-2015, Shri Phar Sari and Shri Tyrshain Lamare had requested for information on IDDP Scheme from the PIO & District A.H. & Vety., Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai. According to him, the information was not received. Instead, the reply was in a Shortcut manner, wherein it was indicated as “available” but was not furnished to him even when he was ready to pay the copying charges as per rule. Further, in some items there was no indication of any reply but the application was repeated. The reply was dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016 although the reply was received by him on 10-2 -2016. The Appellant submitted the First Appeal to the First Appellate Authority & Director, A.H. & Veterinary, Meghalaya, Shillong, on 12-2-2016 on the following grounds:

- (i) In serial 1 and 4, it was indicate Not Available.
- (ii) In serial 5,6,7,8,9,10, 12 and 14 indicated Available, but it was not made available to him even though he was ready to pay for any extra charges.
- (iii) In serial 15, 16, 21 and 25 no indication or reply, just retyped of our queries.
- (iv) In serial 23 and 24 matter was taken with Directorate and no information conveyed from PIO Directorate.

The Respondent PIO & District A.H. & Vety., Officer, West Jaintia Hills in his submission submitted that the information sought are very bulky and does not concern the same subject matter, involving different sectors of the Bank and Directorate .Compilation of this bulky information took many man-days and not in the spirit of the RTI Act, since additional funds was not provided to compile such information and

likely affect the resources of the Public Authority. In this connection, he relied on the previous decision of the Commission No.MIC/Appeal/7/2013/34 of Shri M.H.Dkhar, Wapungkur Village, East Jaintia Hills – versus – PIO & FAO, JHADC, Jowai. In spite of that, to the best of the ability, they have compiled the information, as far as practicable, and the information was indicated as “Available”. The cost of photo copying of these documents is Rs.110/- and this documents shall be supplied to the Appellant once he deposited the amount. There was some information which are available only with the Appellate Authority i.e. the Director, A.H. & Veterinary, Meghalaya, Shillong. According to him, there was no occasion on which the office has denied the information to the Appellant. Even in this case, the Appellant was informed to collect the information from the office but since he could not come on the particular day other matters cropped up and hence matter was delayed. He therefore submitted that he may be exonerated of the charges against him.

The First Appellate Authority & Director, A.H. & Veterinary, Meghalaya, Shillong submitted that although the information were available but the scheme in question was an old scheme for which the information could not be made readily available .Therefore, some time was sought for furnishing the documents to the Appellant. All these documents have been located and also been furnished to the Commission today with a copy to the Appellant.

The Commission perused the documents produced before it and it was seen that the office had committed silly mistakes varying from indicating the date of the letter to mixing the information as to the availability of the information, which has confused the Appellant. How could the date of the letter be advanced by one month? The contention that it concerns various matters and not related to the same subject is not acceptable. All the information sought was for the implementation of the IDDP in Jaintia Hills. If the information was available, why a simple letter could not be written to the applicant asking him to come for inspection of the documents or ask him to deposit the photocopying cost as prescribed in the Rules. It was seen that the normal office procedure were not followed. This cast a very bad reflection in the way that the office is managed. The plea by both the Respondent PIO and the FAA & Director Vety and AH Department, that these documents were old and not readily available, is not acceptable. *If the scheme has been implemented in the District then all the instructions and copies of the guidelines should be available with the District*



*Authorities, otherwise how the officers concerned could implement the scheme.* Further, a simple matter has been made unnecessary complicated by the office .For example, instead of simply issuing an office letter asking the Appellant to deposit the copying charges ,it was indicated as “Available” and in some items it was silent and there was no comment at all. In fact, a simple letter to him indicating the number of copies containing the information and the total cost to be deposited by the Appellant is adequate and is up to the Appellant when the money is to be deposited before obtaining copies. When a joint inspection is made with the Bank, a copy of that report is expected to be always available in the office. To say that the joint inspection report is not available with the office and only with the Bank is not acceptable. All copies and documents regarding the implementation of the scheme should have been clearly explained to the beneficiaries and all papers and documents should be made available. Further, it is the duty and obligation of the Public Authority to explain the details of the scheme to the beneficiary and, if there were some issue which were not clear to them, it is the duty and obligation of the officer implementing the scheme to explain clearly and even clarify in writing as to why the loan is required and the extent of the involvement of the Bank has to be clarified to them. The intention of the RTI is to provide as much information to the public as possible so as to achieve transparency in the system, which is the main objective of the RTI Act 2005.This has been clearly laid down in the preamble of the Act.

On the basis of the above observation, the Respondent PIO & District A.H. & Vety., Officer, West Jaintia Hills District is hereby directed to provide all the documents, “Free of Cost” to the satisfaction of the beneficiary, as requested by him, in his application dated 22-12-2015, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. The Appellant is at liberty to the come back to the Commission, if the above direction is not fully complied with. This being the first time, the Commission restrains itself from taking punitive action and imposing a penalty under section 20 of the Act. However, the Respondent PIO & District A.H. & Vety., Officer, West Jaintia Hills is hereby cautioned that such negligence and delay in future will not be acceptable. The Respondent PIO & District A.H. & Vety., Officer, should note that any repetition of such lapses will be viewed very seriously by the Commission.

Case disposed of.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
CIC

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/19/2016/9**

Shri Donboklang L.Mawlong, Mairang, West Khasi Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., Supply Branch, O/o the SDO (Civil), Mairang - Respondent

**18-4-2016**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Complainant, Shri Donboklang L.Mawlong is absent. The Respondent PIO (Supply) office of the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Mairang, Smti F.M.Lakiang is present.

The case in brief is that, the Commission has received a complaint from Shri Donboklang L.Mawlong that he had filed an application for RTI on 26-2-2016, and the Respondent PIO did not furnish him all the information in their reply No.M/Sup.63/2005/83 dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

During the hearing today, the Respondent PIO submitted before the Commission that the detail information sought by him for the village was not available and therefore could not be provided to him.

The Commission perused the documents submitted before it and has decided as follows:

- (i) Reply to item No.1 of his application requesting for inspection of the center cannot be considered under section 2(j) (i), (ii) & (iii).
- (ii) With regards to request at item No. 2, the request is clearly not for utilization certificate of single village but the overall utilization certificate and therefore should be furnished to him.
- (iii) With respect to request at item No.4 stock of rice for the BPL, AAY and APL from January 2015 to 2016 should be provided to him as there is no mention that the stock register desired is for Mawlong village only.

- (iv) With respect to item No.5 of his application, it is the responsibility of the PIO to obtain the daily sale register from the Mawlong Centre and provide to him and the office cannot deny the information in this regard. All these information should be provided to the complainant, free of cost, within two weeks from the date of receipt of this order. The Commission also noted with regret the attitude of the staff as well as the concerned officers of the Supply Branch who, instead of furnishing simple information, try to unnecessary make it complicated, which has resulted in this complaint. The Respondent PIO and the concerned officers are hereby cautioned that while the Commission restraint itself from taking a severe action in this case, it will not hesitate to invoke section 20,if necessary, for such attitude in future. With this direction the case is disposed of.

However, the complainant is at liberty to come back to the Commission in case this direction is not complied with.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
**CIC**

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/16/2016/14**

Shri S.K. Sharma, Beltola Road, Guwhati

- Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O. & Divisional Forests Officer, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division - Respondent

**9-5-2016**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today. The Complainant, Shri S.K.Sharma is present. The Respondent PIO, Shri J.M.Pohsngap is also present.

The complainant in his written submission today stated that he agreed that money receipt or other documents are not to be kept in the office permanently. However, it has to be destroyed properly through an official order. Unfortunately, the PIO has not enclosed any such documents that the said receipts were destroyed. He also alleged that the documents furnished by the PIO and some of the receipts were not properly certified and some of the papers given by him was not asked for, such as the receipt of collection of VAT. He also alleged that the complete information was not given. As against 69 treasury challans only 51 money receipts have furnished. He objected to the procedure for issue of certificate to any private party, which according to him, is not correct as there is no provision in the accounts procedure of the Govt. He further stated that according to the royalty schedule on Mines Act 1957 (as amended upto 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012) limestone is mentioned as a major mineral. Royalty of limestone is therefore to be collected by the Geology & Mining Department. Thus the fact that the royalty on limestone was collected by the Forest Department is confusing and misleading and the Executive Order dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 1962 which was issued on the basis of the Meghalaya Regulation Act 1973 is confusing and misleading. He has also quoted the letter No MFG. 24/22/94 dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007, where the Conservator of Forests office of the PCCF Meghalaya wrote a letter to the Senior Audit Officer confirming that Limestone is not minor mineral. In view of the contradiction, the PIO & DFO has seriously violated the law by issuing receipts to parties even without any basis.

The Respondent PIO in his submission earlier has stated that on receipt of the application from Shri S.K. Sharma, the information was collected and thereafter he was asked to collect the required information after making necessary payment of the

cost of photo copying as per *Meghalaya Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005*. The individual money receipt book after examining by the AG were kept for some time in the Division, upto a maximum of 5 years, as per the Meghalaya Financial Rules and most of them are not traceable now. However, in lieu of money receipt the treasury challan (receipt) bearing the official seal and signature of the DFO and the Treasury Officer in connection with forest royalty made by the M/S Cement Manufacturing Co. Ltd. for the total amount of Rs.70578224.00 (Rupees seven crore five lakhs seventy eight thousand two hundred and twenty four) only and the treasury challan of VAT against the said payment of forest royalty is also given. Photo copies of some of the money receipt connected with the forest royalty which could be traceable were also furnished to him. The contention that limestone can only be classified as a major mineral is not correct. The Govt of India Ministry of Mine has also clarified limestone as minor mineral and the Meghalaya Forest Regulation (application and amendment Act 1973) has also classified limestone as forest produce. On the basis of which the Govt. had issued the Executive order No. TAD/ FR/22/55 dated 29-1-1962. He also submitted that the forest royalty as mentioned above, collected from the CMCL is for the quantity of limestone supplied by private parties to cement company from the other mining sources, rather than from mining lease areas, in which case, limestone is treated as forest produce under Meghalaya Forest Regulation. He further stated that he has no intention to deceive the applicant and in good faith whatever documents which he deems necessary to meet with the request of the applicant was attempted to be furnished to him. It was under these circumstances that he was asked to deposit Rs 464 for the 232 pages of the information.

The Commission perused all the documents and records of the case and is of the opinion that it is not within the mandate of the Commission during this enquiry to look into the procedure for classification, receipts of royalty etcant whether it has been followed correctly the public authority or not. The RTI Act 2005 under section 2(j) define the "right to information" means the right to information accessible under this Act which is held by or under the control of any public authority and includes the right to-

- (i) Inspection of work, documents, records;
- (ii) Taking notes extracts or certified copies of documents or records;
- (iii) Taking certified samples of material;

(iv) Obtaining information in the form of diskettes, floppies, tapes, video cassettes or in any other electronic mode or through printouts where such information is stored in a computer or in any other device;

The objective under the Act therefore is to disclose all the information kept by the Public authority and to maintain transparency and accountability in the functioning the public authority. In this particular case, if the public authority has made the collections of royalty and that same information has been furnished to the complainant, it would be deemed that the requirement of RTI Act 2005 have been complied with. It also noted that while it is a fact that Conservator of Forests in his letterNo.MFG. 24/22/94 dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 has written to the senior Accounts Officer that limestone is a major mineral, he also clarified, in the same letter that by an instruction from the Govt. royalty of limestone continued to be collected by the Forest department vide the Executive Order TAD/FR/22/55 dated 29<sup>th</sup> January1962 to the CCF Assam, which entrusted the Forest department to collect royalty and reassigns the collection thereof.

The Respondent PIO in his submission stated that records available, as considered by him relevant, have been furnished and even the complainant in good faith deposited the amount for the cost of photo copying according to the rules. It would be better in future that when such bulk information is sought, that the applicant be first asked to inspect the document she wish to obtain and thereafter the cost of photo copying be calculated to avoid any misunderstanding about which document is required and which are not. It would also be appropriate that a proper order should be obtained for destroying the old records as it is logical that some of records are not to be kept permanently as they are not required. The Commission after going through all the records noted that the information furnished were not certified and therefore it is hereby directed that the Respondent PIO should certify the records and the excess mount collected for photo copying from the complainant should be refund back after due calculation of the number of pages.

With this direction, the case is disposed of.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
CIC

**Case No.MIC/Appeal/19/2015/30**

Arun Kumar, Malka Ganj Road, Delhi - Appellant

- Vrs -

FAA, Mahatma Gandhi University, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya - Respondents  
PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya

**23-5-2016**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The complainant Shri Arun Kumar is absent. The Respondent PIO & Registrar MGU, Khanapara, Shri Kumar Abhishek is present. Seen the petition of the Appellant, Shri Arun Kumar about his inability to be present in the hearing as he is based in Delhi .At the same time, he had requested that the compensation should be paid to him, in advance, toward the cost of his journey and stay during the course of the hearing before the Commission. Only then he can come.

The case in brief is that, Shri Arun Kumar has submitted an application on 8-8-2015 to the University asking for true copy of degree for his Master in Business Administration held during June 2013. He also asked information about the number of years for the course and also prospectus of the University including the proof of encashment of Rs. 36,720/- of his Bank draft No. 75858 dated 17-11-2012. Vide letter No. MGU/2015/300 dated 20-8-2015.

The Respondent PIO informed him vide that the information asked by him is personal and therefore cannot be disclosed under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The Respondent PIO in his submission claimed that information request by Arun Kumar is a personal information and therefore cannot be provided to him.

Subsequently vide letter dated 28-1-2016 the Respondent PIO had clarified the position to the Appellant.

The Commission perused the documents and records of the case agrees with the Appellant that information required is his own and therefore cannot be exempted under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission also accepted the clarification given by the Respondent PIO that the certificate issued to him was only a Provisional Certificate and there is a formal procedure of the University for obtaining of the original certificate of his completion of the course. Therefore, the Commission would not like to interfere with the procedure of the University for issuing of a proper certificate. Further, with respect to the query of the duration of the course, it is unfortunate that the candidate himself does not know how many years he had to study for the course before issuing Provisional Certificate. With respect to the encashment of Bank Draft, the Commission accepts the clarification by the Respondent PIO that the individual draft was paid to the study centre, who collects all Bank draft of different candidates and deposited to the University .No individual receipts could have been maintained in such case.

Under the circumstances, the Respondent PIO is directed to issue a certified copy of the Provisional Certificate as maintained by them, free of cost, to the Appellant.

The Commission finds no justification for grant of any advance to the Appellant. The only cost incurred by him is fee for the application and postal charges. If he chooses to annex irrelevant and unnecessary duplicate papers including repeated applications, it is his choice. Attending the hearing is optional as the Commission always take all documents available on record. The issue of compensation may arise only after the hearing.

With this direction the case is disposed of.

Sd/-  
( C.D.Kynjing )  
CIC



**Case No.MIC/Complaint/64/2015/28**

Arun Kumar, Malka Ganj Road, Delhi - Complainant

- Vrs -

FAA, Mahatma Gandhi University, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya - Respondents  
PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya

**23-5-2016**

**O R D E R**

Case records put up today.

The complainant Shri Arun Kumar is absent. The Respondent PIO & Registrar MGU, Khanapara, Shri Kumar Abhishek is present. Seen the petition of the Complainant, Shri Arun Kumar about his inability to be present in the hearing as he is based in Delhi. At the same time he had requested that the compensation should be paid to him in advance toward the cost of his journey and stay during the course of the hearing before the Commission.

The Respondent PIO & Registrar MGU, Khanapara, Shri Kumar Abhishek, in his submission before the Commission apologized before the Commission for not being able to attend the hearing on 4-4-2016 as he had suddenly fallen ill. He also submitted a written reply to the Commission.

The case in brief is that, the Complainant, Shri Arun Kumar had requested for information under RTI Act 2005 on 25/7/2016 regarding attested true copy of his mark sheet for the four semesters of his course in Master Business Administration, Mahatma Gandhi University. He also asked for the copy of the prospectus for the year 2011 - 2012 and 2012 – 2013, including scheme of examination for Master of Business Administration and the proof of encashment of the amount of Rs 37, 670/- claimed to have been paid by him to the Mahatma Gandhi University. Since he did not get any reply from the Respondent PIO he filed an Appeal on 15-1-2016 to the First Appellate Authority.

From the submission of the Respondent PIO & Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University it would appear that along with this application the Appellant had filed two other applications on the same subject and reply of which was sent to him on 28-1-2016.

According to the Respondent PIO, the true copy of the mark sheet are maintained only in soft copy in digital form and not in hard copies, (except for the initial years), and therefore it is not understood as to how the true copy of the mark sheet could be provided to him. This fact that have been clarified to the Appellant vide letter No MGU/2016/109 dated 28-1-2016. He was also informed that for the prospectus he has to pay a fee of Rs. 300/- for each year. Regarding the encashment of the draft the Respondent PIO clarified that the University has an arrangement with the centre in Delhi, where the student has registered himself to submit the draft through that centre .All the drafts of different were collected from the different students of that centre and sent to the University for encashment. Therefore, the University did not issue individual receipts to the Appellant.

It appears to the Commission that the Appellant had never studied in the University but he had studied only in the study centre, under ODL mode. Perhaps because of this reason he is not aware of how the University functions. Normally State Universities are not allowed to open study centres outside the headquarter of the University. The UGC vide letter No F No.35-1/2015(DEB III) dated 6/5/2016 is very clear. In its letter granting permission to the MGU, it states..."Your University may, therefore, offer only the programmes in the attached list in ODL mode during the academic year 2015-16 ,*only within the State of Meghalaya ,strictly as per the provisions of the UGC(Establishment and maintenance of studies in private Universities) Regulation 2003*". How such degrees in ODL mode are awarded outside the State is being given is not known as this is not within the mandate of the Commission to inquire into. The State Government may like to look into this. Be that as it may the University has its own way of maintaining records and under the provision of the RTI, it is only responsible for those records maintained by it .They cannot and are not expected to produce records which are not there. The University maintains records in soft copy and any candidate could verify his Marks obtained by log in the website. The University has already replied to the Appellant on 28-1-2016 on these lines. Under the circumstances, if the Appellant is interested to obtain original /duplicate copies, he should take steps to obtain *duplicate copies* of the mark sheet from the University in the procedure as prescribed by them. The statement by the Respondent PIO about the receipts that there are no records maintain by the University for the individual receipts appears to be possible and therefore cannot be provided to him.

With respect to the mark sheet as maintained by the University in soft copy, a print out may be taken and certified that *it is true copy of the records maintained by the University*. Certified copies of the prospectus may be provided to him, if it is not available in the website. Since there has been a delay in providing the information to the appellant, copy of the prospectus also should be provided to the Appellant free of cost.

The above information should be furnished to the Appellant within 15 days from the date of this order.

The Commission also perused the claim by the Appellant for compensation and it appears that there is no justification for the same. The cost incurred, as claimed by him, for photo copying etc is also not justified as it appears from the records received by the Commission that he himself is confused and is not specific. He submitted three applications, where in some items; same information was asked and has sent too many irrelevant papers which have created confusion. The issue of compensation arises only after final hearing.

With this direction the case is disposed of.

Send a copy of this order to the Principal Secretary/Commissioner and Secretary Education for information.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
**CIC**

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/27/2016/8**

Shri Poipynhun Majaw, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai - Complainant

- Vrs -

The P.I.O. & Chief Forest Officer, JHADC, Jowai - Respondent

**6-6-2016**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Complainant Shri Poipynhun Majaw is absent. The Respondent PIO & Chief Forests Officer, Jaintia Hills District Council (JHADC), Jowai, Shri Frankie Well Blah is present.

The brief facts of the case is that, the complainant on 22.2.2016 submitted an application for RTI to the PIO and Chief Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills Autonomous district Council as follows:-

1. What are the sources of the royalty of the Forest Department of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council from the year 2005 till date?
2. How much fund has the Forest Department of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council received from the year 2005 till date and five the details from where the funds are received? Also give details as to where be the funds implemented?
3. What are the types of schemes of the Forest Department of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council right from the year 2005 till date and the amount of money involved in each schemes?
4. In which place are each sachems of the Forest Department of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council right from the year 2005 till date implemented. What are the statuses of the implementation of the schemes in these places and the money already utilized in the implementation of each schemes.
5. Who implements the various Schemes of the Forest Department of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council right from the year 2005 till date? Kindly furnish the details of the person who implements each scheme.
6. Whether contractors are involved in the implementation of the various Scheme of the Forest Department of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council right from the year

2005 till date? If yes, give the details of the tender called for implementation of the schemes and the details of the contractor to whom the works were allotted and the details of the money already released to the contractor.

7. Whether each schemes of the Forest Department of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council right from the year 2005 till date has been fully implemented? If yes, provide the Utilization certificate of the schemes?

The respondent PIO sent him a reply to the effect that the information sought by the applicant cannot be disclosed in the light of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. He is not satisfied with the reply. Hence, this Complaint.

The Respondent PIO in his written submission stated that it is a fact that he received the Application for RTI and that he has sent a reply dated 29-3-2016 to the Complainant stating that the copies of the documents/records sought by the applicant cannot be disclosed in the light of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The reason for such a reply to the RTI application is that the reply is cumbersome, lengthy and covers different subject aspects of the Forest Department and the information relates to a period of time from 2005 to 2016. Since the details of the schemes, their status, the location and money utilized is vast, the information sought is vague and does not relate to any specific scheme. Further, asking for name of contractors and details of the tenders issued and details of the contractors of work issued is vague and not specific. Information on utilization certificate of all the schemes also is vague. He also stated that the applicant could have asked for inspection of the records, which he has not done. Since furnishing of information will involve many man hours, involving a huge cost, he had decided to reject the application under section 7(1) of the RTI Act.

The Commission perused the records and the documents and did not fully agree with the contention of the Respondent PIO. The application has sought some basic information such as *“what are the sources of the Forest Department of the JHADC from the year 2015 till date”*? The Public Authority of the Forest Department of JHADC is collecting royalty from various produces, according to the Acts and Rules of the Council. There is every likelihood that the sources of the royalty did not change for a period of time, although some addition might have been made in a particular year. Therefore, to state that the information is bulky is not correct and not acceptable to the Commission. There are other information which could have been furnished by the Respondent PIO without much difficulty from the Public Authority. While the Commission agrees with the contention of the Respondent PIO that there are some information which are lengthy such as *“whether contractors were involved in the implementation of the various schemes of the Forest Department of the JHADC right from the year 2005 till date? If yes, give details of the tender called for implementation of the schemes*

*and the details of the contractors to whom the work is allotted and the details of the money already released to the contractors”?*

The Respondent PIO could have given an option to the Complainant to come to the office and inspect the documents, since some of the information are bulky, which he has not done. Alternatively, he could have furnished some information which does not involve much compilation and inform the Complainant accordingly. These options were available. However the Respondent PIO & Chief Forest Officer, reject all the information to the Complainant, which is not justified.

*Under the circumstances, the Commission directed that the Respondent PIO be given two weeks time to furnish the information at Serial No. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 to the Complainant ,free of cost. The Commission also observe that this being the first offence, which has come to the notice of the Commission, it restraints itself from taking action against the PIO. He is, however, cautioned that such casual attitude shown by him is seriously viewed by the Commission and it will not hesitate to invoke section 20 of the Act, if any such negligence is reported in future*

Compliance report should furnish by 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
CIC

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/24/2016/7**

Md Sofi Kamrul Hassan, Shillong High Court, Shillong - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., & S.D.O., MECL, Phulbari, West Garo Hills - Respondent

**20-6-2016**

**O R D E R**

Case records put up today.

The Complainant Md. Sofi Kamrul Hassan is absent. The Respondent PIO & SDO, MECL, Phulbari, West Garo Hills, Shri Bardish N.Sangma is present.

The case in brief, according to the complainant, Md Sofi Kamrul Hassan is that he filed an RTI application on the 8-2-2016 from the office of the Respondent PIO & SDO, MeECL, Phulbari, West Garo Hills along with the application fee of Rs.10/- . According to the complainant, the Respondent PIO did not furnish the information nor was any response received from him. Hence, this complaint.

During the hearing today, the Respondent PIO, admitted that he had received the application and all the records are available in the office. According to him, he called up the complainant over Phone to come and pay the photo copying charges before the copies are given to him but there was no response from the complainant. On the other hand, he stated that at one point of time the complainant came to him and assured him that the application/complaint shall be withdrawn.

The Commission perused the statements made by the Respondent PIO and is of the opinion that there is no evidence to support the claim. In fact, he could have written a simple letter to the complainant asking him to deposit the photo copying charges, which should have been sufficient to prove that the Respondent PIO has acted in his best judgment, in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005. There is also no evidence that he had called up the complainant. Under the circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion that the Respondent PIO has denied the information to the complainant. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act 2005, he is liable to be penalized.

The Commission, therefore, has decided to impose a penalty on the Respondent PIO for his 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 ₹ 8,750/- (Rupees Eight thousand seven hundred and fifty only) for his failure to furnish the information for 35 days @ ₹250/- per day w.e.f. 10-3-2016 ( the date the information is due), to 13-4-2016, the date of complaint. He is required to deposit the above amount by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India at Phulbari 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 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 for compliance report.

Sd/-  
( C.D.Kynjing )  
CIC



**Case No.MIC/Appeal/06/2016/**

Shri Pyrkhat Bha Shabong, Nongtraï Village, Mawsynram - Appellant

-Vrs-

1. W.C.Paswett, PIO & Dy.CE, PWD (Roads) o/o the C.E., PWD (R)  
2. B.Kharbuli, FAA & Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong } Respondents

**12-9-2016**

**ORDER**

The Appellant Shri Pyrkhat Bha Shabong is present. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) & Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong, Shri B.Kharbuli is present. The Public Information Officer (PIO) & Deputy Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong, Shri W.C.Paswett is absent as he is on Earned Leave.

Briefly the fact of the case is that, the Appellant on 11-7-2016 filed an RTI application before the PIO & Deputy Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong. On 21-7-2016, the PIO responded to his application. Not satisfied with the reply and being aggrieved by the decision of the PIO, the Appellant on 26-7-2016, preferred a First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority & Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong. On the 11-8-2016, the F.A.A., passed an order stating that the information sought for cannot be disclosed as it is “the case of trade and commercial secrets protected by law whereby the third party refused to disclose any information relating to relevant documents submitted and has been treated as confidential by them for the interest of business”. The Appellant, not satisfied with the decision of the FAA has preferred the instant 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal.

During the hearing the First Appellate Authority (FAA) & Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Shillong, Shri B.Kharbuli, in his submission stated that the information which was sought for is confidential and cannot be given to the Appellant.

Heard the Appellant Shri Pyrkhat Bha Shabong. In his submission he stated that the information which he sought for is no longer secret and confidential as the work has already been allotted to the other contractor and the information is now a public document.

The Commission after perused of the documents and hearing both the parties felt that the information which is sought for is information which is completely necessary for

the purpose of deciding the tender. Without the information provided by the tenderers the tender Committee would not be in a position to recommend who the tender should be awarded to. The information which is sought for is necessary for the Committee to decide on recommending the award of tender. Therefore, since the information, which is sought for, is a part and parcel of the essential inputs into enabling the Tender Committee to make a recommendation or take a decision, it is very much a part and parcel of the whole information which is essential to make a final decision. The tenderer in this case has asked for information which is part of the basis on which the eventual award of tender was taken.

The task of the Commission is to decide whether the appellant has a right to receive that information. The information requested for is information essential to enable decision making by the tender committee. It is the type of information which each tender participant has to provide to show why his/her offer is better than that of others. Once the information has become a part and parcel of a decision making and a necessary input into a decision making, it becomes a part of a public document and cannot be interpreted as information which amounts to a trade secret which would be eligible for exemption from disclosure under clause (d) of subsection (1) of Section 8 of the RTI Act 2005.

The information which has been requested by the Appellant therefore does not fall under section 8 (1) (d) and should be provided to the Appellant. The PIO is hereby ordered to provide the information requested for, after the Appellant has made whatever payment required under the RTI Act.

The case is disposed of.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
CIC

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/37/2016/62**

Archana Hajong, Mahendraganj, South West Garo Hills

- Complainant

- Vrs -

1. PIO, Education Department, Govt. of Meghalaya
  2. PIO, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong
  3. PIO & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati
- } Respondents

**26-9-2016**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Complainant, Archana Hajong is absent. The Respondent-PIO & Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati, Shri George Renang K.Sangma is present. The Respondent-PIO & Joint Secretary, Education Department, Shri B.S.Sohliya and Respondent-PIO & Monitoring Officer, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong, Smti T.M.Pyngrope are also present.

The Respondent-PIO & Joint Secretary, Education Department and Respondent-PIO & Monitoring Officer, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong, have already made their written submissions on the last hearing i.e. 19-9-2016.

The Respondent-PIO, SDSEO South West Garo Hills, Ampati stated that he was not holding charge of the post during the relevant time and therefore was not responsible for the delay. On being asked by the Commission he could not give the date from which he held charge of the post of SDSEO, South West Garo Hills, Ampati. Neither the Respondent PIO, Education Department nor the Respondent PIO, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong could provide the date, or copies of the order, or the transfer of charge certificate.

The Commission asked the PIO & Monitoring Officer, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong who were present during the hearing to furnish to the Commission on the afternoon of the same day the copy of the Notification appointing Shri George Renang K.Sangma, as Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, Ampati and to show the date of his taking charge of the post.

The Commission warned the Respondents that there was an apparent failure on the part of the SDSEO, South West Garo Hills, Ampati to comply with the provisions of the RTI Act. However, the Commission decided to give the SDSEO, South West Garo Hills, Ampati an opportunity to explain the reason for his failure to provide the information under the Act and the explanation should be given carefully and clearly in writing by the SDSEO, South West Garo Hills, Ampati in the afternoon of the same day. The Commission would pass orders after seeing the written reply of the SDSEO, South West Garo Hills, Ampati and after perusing the documents provided by the Respondent PIO, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Shillong.

Sd/-  
( **C.D.Kynjing** )  
**CIC**

**Case No.MIC/Complaint/40/2016/**

Shri Silnang Ch Marak, Hawakhana, Tura - Complainant

- Vrs -

PIO & ADM o/o of the D.C., West Garo Hills, Tura - Respondent

**19-10-2016**

**ORDER**

Seen letter *No.DSC/WGH/1/2006/143* dated *Tura, the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016* and letter *No.DSC/WGH/1/2006/135* dated *the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016*, (a copy dispatched to the applicant Shri Silnang Ch Marak), by Shri Z.J.Sangma, MCS, Public Information Officer & Member-Secretary, District Selection Committee, West Garo Hills, Tura, on the show cause asked by the Commission vide letter *No.MIC/Complaint/40/2016/7* dated *19-9-2016*, on why information could not furnish to the applicant within 30 days.

On perusal of the above show cause and letter dispatched to the applicant, the Commission found that the PIO & Member-Secretary, District Selection Committee, West Garo Hills, Tura has violated the RTI Act, 2005 :-

- (1) Seeking clarifications and reasons why RTI information sought is is not inconsonance with the RTI Act. Under Section 6(2) of the Act says that “*An applicant making request for information shall not be required to give any reason for requesting the information or any other personal details except those that may be necessary for contacting him*”.
- (2) If the address of the applicant is not proper, the PIO could have contacted through his Mobile Phone which contact number is there. This had not been done.
- (3) Presumption of the PIO about the applicant’s intention for making the RTI request has no legal basis.
- (4) If the applicant’s citizenship is the applicant may be asked to provide proof of that. The applicant’s address can be obtained from his Mobile contact or he could be asked to pick up the letter from the office.

The Commission while going through the show cause and letter dispatched to the applicant found that the Public Information Officer & Member-Secretary, District Selection Committee, West Garo Hills, Tura, has violated the RTI Act, 2005. This being the first instance of such violation, the Commission hereby directs the PIO to furnish the information to the applicant within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order free of cost.

Fix 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 for compliance report.

Sd/-  
( **P.B.O.Warjri** )  
CIC

**Case No. MIC/Appeal/10/2016/7**

Silning D Sangma, Tura, West Garo Hills

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Appellant

-Vrs-

1. PIO, Tura Govt., College, Tura, Meghalaya
2. FAA, Tura Govt., College, Tura. Meghalaya

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Respondents

**ORDER**

**21-11-2016** Seen the appeal petition filed by Silning D Sangma against the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) of Tura Govt., College, West Garo Hills.

Briefly the appeal is against non-furnishing of information asked for by the Appellant. On 16-9-2016, the Appellant filed an RTI application before the PIO, Tura Govt., College, Tura on 11 items. The PIO on 22-9-2016, vide letter *No.TGC/A-87/2016-17/5767*, informed the Appellant stating that “you did not seek information as an individual but in the name of an organization, As per the provisions of RTI Act an organization, NGO, Association, Union etc cannot seek information. Further providing information on various aspects of this institution for the last 10(ten) years will prove to be prejudicial to the interest of the College. And whereas revelation of information is likely to conflict with other public interest including efficient operations of the institution and the preservation of confidentiality”.

Being aggrieved by a decision of the PIO, the Appellant on 29-9-2016 preferred a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority viz., the Principal, Tura Govt., College, Tura. However, there was no response from the F.A.A., hence this instant second appeal before the Commission.

The documents produced by the Appellant show that the application and the First Appeal was duly received in the Public Authority concerned.

Under Section 19(2) the First Appellate Authority shall dispose of the Appeal within 30 days. The expiry date to dispose the Appeal by the FAA will be on 28-10-2016. The Second Appeal filed by the Appellant before the State Chief Information Commission, Meghalaya is dated 24-10-2016 and received in the Commission on 26-10-2016 i.e. 5(five) days short to file a Second Appeal.

It is not understood why information has been denied to the appellant Shri Silning D.Sangma on the ground of his status of being a citizen of India. Any citizen is free to be president or general secretary of any organization. The Appellant has quoted some High Court Rulings relating to the matter. High Court of Maharashtra, case *No.Mh1404/2008, (1) Perfect Machine Tools Co. Ltd -vrs- State of Maharashtra and Ors. (2) National Mineral Development Corporation –vrs- Government of India & Ors, case No.WP(C) No.8004/2007. In J.C.Talukdar –vrs- C.E.(E), CPWD Kolkata (CIC/WB/C/2007/00104-105 dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2007*, the Applicant / Mr. Talukdar, requested for certain information from the CPWD, Kolkata, in his capacity as the Managing Director of one Ganesh Electric Stores. The said request was refused under Section 3 of the RTI Act. Consequently Mr. Talukdar filed an appeal before the CIC. In the course of dealing with the said Appeal the CIC observed as follows:

“This is at heart a question of whether a company or its director will fall under the definition of citizen under the RTI Act. A company or a corporation is a “legal person” and, as such, it has a legal entity. This legal entity is distinct from their shareholders, managers, managing directors. This is a settled position in law since the Solomon’s case decided long back by the House of Lords. They have rights and obligations and can sue and are sued in a court of law. Section 3 of the RTI Act confers “right to information” on all “citizens”. A “citizen” under the Constitution Part II that deals with “citizenship” can only be a natural born person and it does not even by implication includes a legal or a juristic person....

The objective of the Right to Information Act is to secure access to information to all citizens in order to promote transparency and accountability. The Hon’ble Supreme Court in *Bennett Coleman Co. Vs. Union of India (1972) 2 SCC 788* held that a shareholder is entitled to protection of Article 19 and that an individual’s right is not lost by reason of the fact that he is a shareholder of the company. The Bank Nationalization Case has also established the view that the fundamental rights of shareholders as citizens are not lost when they associate to form a company. In *Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co. Ltd. (decided on 21 July 1983)*, the Apex Court observed that the



judicial trend is in the direction of holding that in the matter of fundamental freedoms guaranteed by Article 19 the right of shareholder and the company which the shareholders have formed are rather co-extensive and the denial to one of the fundamental freedoms would be denial to the others (Para 12).

Even if it were conceded that a company or a corporate body is a legal entity distinct from its shareholders and it is not in itself a citizen it is a fact that all superior courts have been admitting applications in exercise of their extraordinary jurisdiction from companies, societies and associations under Article 19 of the Constitution of which the RTI Act, 2005 is a child. Very few petitions have been rejected on the ground that the Applicants / Petitioners are corporate bodies or companies or associations and as such not “citizens”. This Commission also has been receiving sizeable number of such applications from such entities. If the courts could give relief to such entities the PIOs also should not throw them out on a mere technical ground that the Applicant / Appellant happened to be a legal person and not a citizen. In conclusion we direct that an application / appeal from an association or a partnership firm or a Hindu Undivided Family or from some other group of individuals constituted as a body or otherwise should be accepted and allowed.”

The observations and opinion in J.C. Talukdar’s case have been followed in several subsequent cases by the CIC, viz. *Shri. R.K. Sharma vs. Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi Police (Appeal No. CIC/WB/A/2007/00264)*, *Shri. Hitesh Kumar vs. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions (Appeal No. CIC/WB/A/2007/00184)* and the position that now emerges is clear that a company can apply for information under the provisions of the RTI Act. Such an application can be made through the company’s authorized representative / employee.

In the circumstances, the First Appellate Authority, Tura Govt., College, Tura is hereby directed to dispose of the Appeal petition within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order.

Fix 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 for compliance.

Sd/-  
( **P.B.O.Warjri** )  
CIC

## Chapter 7

### Implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in the State during 2016

**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.

As per section 25 (2) of the Act, 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 2016 a total number of 2123 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 9, hence the total number of requests available with the PIOs for disposal were 2132. Out of these, 2049 requests were disposed of by the PIOs during the year which is about 96%. 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 17 which is approximately about 4% 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: 2016

Sl. No	Name of Departmental Public Authorities	No. of requests pending at end of last year	No. of requests received during the year	Total No. of requests	No. of requests disposed	No. of requests rejected	No. of requests deemed to be refused Sec. 7(2)	% of cases access to information denied
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	<b>Agriculture</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Agriculture	Nil	9	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Horticulture	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>							
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	6	6	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	<b>AH&amp;Vety.</b>							
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of AH&Vety.	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of BAD	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>							
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	17	17	17	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	<b>C &amp; R D</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	Directorate of C & R D	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Nil	55	55	55	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, Ribhoi District,	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Nongpoh							
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	<b>Cooperation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSHF Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil	2	2	2	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
9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	7	7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
	KHADC	Nil	45	45	45	Nil	Nil	Nil

	JHADC	Nil	111	111	110	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GHADC	Nil	26	26	19	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	<b>Education</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	DHTE	Nil	60	60	60	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DERT	Nil	9	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBOSE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	DSEL	Nil	23	23	21	2	Nil	Nil
11	<b>Elections</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Deputy Commissioners	Nil	10	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	<b>ERTS</b>							
	Secretariat. Dept.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil	47	47	47	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Excise	Nil	9	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil	21	21	21	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	<b>Finance</b>							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	1	10	11	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PR) Department	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Department	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	

	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Budget)	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (EC II)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>							
	Sectt. Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Nil	25	25	25	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Env.)	Nil	11	11	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	25	25	25	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Nil	16	16	16	Nil	Nil	Nil
16	<b>Fisheries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Fisheries	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	<b>GAD</b>							
	Office Estate Officer	Nil	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	GAD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GAD (A)	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Director General of Police	1	310	311	306	5	1	2
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Civil Defence &	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil

	<b>Home Guards</b>							
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Director General of Prisons	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Inspector General of Prison	Nil	25	25	25	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
22	<b>Health &amp; F.W.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MI)	Nil	26	26	26	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil	18	18	18	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	<b>Housing</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Housing	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24	<b>Industries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Nil	34	34	34	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MIDC	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MCCL	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MKVIB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MHHDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBCL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
MEDC Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of IPR	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
26	<b>Information Technology</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	<b>Law</b>							
	Law (A)	Nil	18	18	18	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Law (B)	Nil	40	40	40	Nil	Nil	Nil
28	<b>Labour</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	Nil	7	7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Office of the Administrative Medical Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	7	7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Labour Commissioner	Nil	15	15	15	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Nil	16	16	15	1	Nil	Nil
30	<b>Planning</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	Nil	10	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	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 Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Nil	5	5	5	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
	District Planning Officer	Nil	1	1	1	1	Nil	Nil
31	<b>Personnel</b>							
	Personnel & AR (A)	Nil	16	16	16	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel & AR (B)	Nil	15	15	15	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC EK Hills	Nil	104	104	104	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Ribhoi District	Nil	34	34	34	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Nil	26	26	23	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Khasi Hills	Nil	17	17	17	3	Nil	Nil
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	Nil	52	52	52	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC East Garo Hills	Nil	10	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC South Garo Hills	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MPSC	Nil	44	44	19	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
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC East Jaintia Hills District,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC North Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC South West Garo Hills	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil	12	12	11	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Training Centre							
32	<b>Political</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	<b>PHE</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Engineer	Nil	34	34	34	Nil	Nil	Nil
34	<b>Power</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MeEC Ltd.	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSERC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MNREDA	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	Nil	23	23	21	2	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	Nil	6	6	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	<b>P.W.D.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	CE PWD(R)	Nil	50	50	50	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (NH)	Nil	50	50	50	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (B)	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
39	<b>Revenue &amp;</b>							

	<b>Disaster Management</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	22	22	22	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	Nil	10	10	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	<b>SAD</b>							
	SAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (N)	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Sports & YA	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	16	16	16	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Social Welfare	Nil	24	24	24	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	18	18	18	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	District Social Welfare Officer	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Soil & Water	Nil	38	38	37	1	Nil	Nil
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Sericulture	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	<b>Transport</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Transport	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MTC	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Secretary State Transport Authority	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
46	<b>Tourism</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Tourism	Nil	14	14	14	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	2	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	7	25	32	26	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil	19	19	19	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	Nil	1	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MUDA	Nil	26	26	26	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	Nil	2	2	2	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 Development Agency, Shillong	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Baghmara Municipal Board	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	19	19	19	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	Nil	7	7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	Nil	37	37	26	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>Chief Judicial Magistrate</b>	Nil	24	24	24	Nil	Nil	Nil
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan,</b>	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	Nil	12	12	6	1	Nil	Nil
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	Nil	8	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2123</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>2049</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

*Nota Bene* : NA = (Information) Not Available

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

**Table 7.2.2**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total no. of requests</b>	<b>No. of requests disposed</b>	<b>No. of requests rejected</b>
2006	310	291	28
2007	537	492	10
2008	360	335	2
2009	676	652	4
2010	836	816	4
2011	1074	1051	7
2012	1289	1231	16
2013	1625	1546	30
2014	1816	1770	23
2015	2663	2601	6
2016	2132	2049	1

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

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

During the year 2016, **112** 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.

**Table 7.3.1** Disposal of First Appeals by the Departmental Appellate Authorities/First Appellate Authorities

(Reporting Year: 2016)

Sl. No	Name of Departmental Public Authorities	No. of First Appeals pending with Appellate Officers	No. of First Appeals preferred during the year	Total No. of appeals with Appellate Officers	No. of First Appeals disposed	No. of First Appeals rejected	% of First Appeals rejected	No. of First Appeals pending for more than 45 Days
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	<b>Agriculture</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Agriculture	Nil	9	Nil	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Horticulture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	<b>A.H.&amp;Vety.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of AH&Vety	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of BAD	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	17	17	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	Directorate of C&RD	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	Nil	Nil	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
		Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	<b>Cooperation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	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	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Weavers & Handicrafts							
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSHF Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil	1	1	1	1	100%	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
9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	KHADC	2	6	6	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	JHADC	Nil	Nil	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GHADC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	<b>Education</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	DHTE	Nil	5	Nil	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DEPT	Nil	9	Nil	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBOSE							
	DSEL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11	<b>Elections</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Deputy Commissioners	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	<b>ERTS</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Excise	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



	<b>Mobilization</b>							
13	<b>Finance</b>							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	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	
Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Finance (Budget)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Finance (EC II)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	<b>Forests &amp; Envir.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	Nil	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Nil	Nil	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil

16	<b>Fisheries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Fisheries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	<b>GAD</b>							
	Office Estate Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare							
	GAD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Director General of Police	Nil	7	1	6	Nil	Nil	Nil
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Director General of Prisons	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Inspector General of Prison	Nil	25	25	25	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MI)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil	Nil	Nil	18	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	<b>Housing</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Housing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24	<b>Industries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MIDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MCCL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MKVIB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MHHDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	MBCL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEDC Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of IPR	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
26	<b>Information Technology</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	<b>Law</b>							
	Law (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Law (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
28	<b>Labour</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Labour Commissioner	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>							
	Secretariat Dept	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	<b>Planning</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Council of							

	Science & Technology & Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	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 Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	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
	District Planning Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	<b>Personnel</b>							
	Personnel & AR (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel & AR (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC EK Hills	1	4	18	18	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Ribhoi District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Jaintia Hills District,	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Khasi Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Garo Hills	Nil	6	6	6	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
	MPSC	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	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
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC East Jaintia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Hills District							
	DC North Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC South West Garo Hills	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Commissioner of Division Tura	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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 (C) Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	<b>Political</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	<b>PHE</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Engineer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
34	<b>Power</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MeECL	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSERC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MNREDA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	<b>PWD</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	CE PWD(R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (NH)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	CE PWD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
39	<b>Revenue &amp; Disaster Management</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	<b>SAD</b>							
	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
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Sports & Y.A.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate 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	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	District Social Welfare Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	I/c Observation Home (Boys)							
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	Nil	7	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	Directorate of Sericulture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	<b>Transport</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Transport	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MTC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Secretary State Transport Authority	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
46	<b>Tourism</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Tourism	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MTDC ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate 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	2	2	2	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 Development Agency, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Baghmara Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>Chief Judicial Magistrate</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	Nil	2	4	2	Nil	Nil	2
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	Nil	5	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

*Nota Bene:* NA = (Information) Not Available

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

**Table 7.3.2**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of First Appeals received</b>	<b>No. of First Appeals disposed</b>	<b>No. of First Appeals rejected</b>
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 no. carried over
2013	78	66	No. of disposals include pending ones of the previous year
2014	123	120	
2015	122	131	
2016	112	154	

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

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

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

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Sl. No	Name of Department/ Public Authorities	Total No. of requests rejected	No. of requests rejected Section 8	No. of requests rejected Section 9	No. of requests rejected Section 11	No. of requests rejected Section 24	No. of requests rejected Other Sections
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	<b>Agriculture</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Agriculture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Horticulture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	<b>AH&amp;Vety.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of AH&Vety.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of BAD	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.						
	Directorate of C&RD	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\ Nil
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	<b>Cooperation</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	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 Cooperarive 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
9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	KHADC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	JHADC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GHADC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	<b>Education</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	DHTE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DEPT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBOSE						
	DSEL	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11	<b>Election</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Deputy Commissioners	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	<b>ERTS</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Excise	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	Nil	3	3	3	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	<b>Finance</b>						
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Directorate of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (EC 1) Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PR) Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (AF)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Budget)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (EC II)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
16	<b>Fisheries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Fisheries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	<b>GAD</b>						
	Office Estate Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	GAD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Director General of Police	4	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Director General of Prisons	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Inspector General of Prison	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	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
23	<b>Housing</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Housing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24	<b>Industries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MIDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MCCL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MKVIB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MHHDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBCL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEDC Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of IPR	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

26	<b>Information Technology</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	<b>Law</b>						
	Law (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Law (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
28	<b>Labour</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Labour Commissioner	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>						
	Secretariat Dept	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	<b>Planning</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya State	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Planning Board						
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	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
	District Planning Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	<b>Personnel</b>						
	Personnel & AR (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel & AR (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC EK Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC Ribhoi District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Jaintia Hills District	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Khasi Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC West Garo Hills Tura	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC East Garo Hills	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC South Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MPSC	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
	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
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC East Jaintia Hills District	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC North Garoh Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC South West	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Garo Hills						
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SDO (C) Sohra	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	<b>Political</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	<b>PHE</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Engineer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
34	<b>Power</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MeECLtd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MSERC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MNREDA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Senior Electrical Inspector Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	<b>PWD</b>						
	Secretariat.Dept.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	CE PWD(R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (NH)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



	Corporation Ltd.						
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Dett.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
39	<b>Revenue &amp; Disaster Management</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dte.Land Records & Survey	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	<b>SAD</b>						
	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
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Sports & YA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate 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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	District Social Welfare Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Women in need of Care & Protection						
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Soil & Water	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Sericulture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	<b>Transport</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Transport	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	MTC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
46	<b>Tourism</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Tourism	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate 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

	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Baghmara Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>Chief Judicial Magistrate</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat Raj Bhavan, Shillong</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>4</b>

*Nota Bene* : NA = (Information) Not Available

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

A total of ₹ 67,859/- was collected by the Public Information Officers/Public Authorities in the form of fees and charges during 2016. Out of this ₹ 11,148/- was collected under Section 4(4), being the cost of the printed materials in which form the information was provided; ₹ 17,870/- is the total amount of application fees collected under Section 6(1); ₹ 27,488/- was collected under Section 7(1) being the cost of the photo copies made; ₹ 8,808/- was collected under section 7(5) being the cost of information provided in electronic format and ₹2,545/- is the miscellaneous charges collected by Public Information Officers and Public Authorities.

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

**Table 7.5.1**

Summary of Costs, Fees & Charges collected by Public Authorities

Reporting Year : 2016

Sl. No.	Name of Departments/ Public Authorities	Cost Collected Section 4(4)	Fee Collected Section 6(1)	Fee Collected Section 7(1)	Fee Collected Section 7(5)	Other charges collected (specify)	Total Collection
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	<b>Agriculture</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Directorate of Agriculture	Nil	90	862	Nil	Nil	952
	Directorate of Horticulture	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	<b>AH&amp;Vety.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	20
	Directorate of AH&Vety	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	20
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	304	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	314
	Directorate of BAD	14	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	34
5	<b>C.M.Secretariat</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	10	382	Nil	Nil	392
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of C&RD	Nil	20	80	Nil	Nil	100
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Nil	420	2693	Nil	Nil	3113
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills,	Nil	30	50	Nil	Nil	80

	Nongstoin						
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	<b>Cooperation</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil	20	54	Nil	Nil	74
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	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 Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Society Ltd.						
9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	KHADC	114	460	2538	3748	Nil	6860
	JHADC	Nil	1050	3054	Nil	Nil	4104
	GHADC	Nil	84	158	463	46	751
10	<b>Education</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	DHTE	Nil	570	Nil	175	Nil	745
	DEPT	Nil	30	Nil	426	Nil	456
	MBOSE						
	DSEL	Nil	230	572	Nil	Nil	802
11	<b>Election</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40
	Deputy Commissioners	Nil	90	Nil	Nil	10	100
12	<b>ERTS</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil	180	116	Nil	Nil	296
	Commissioner of Excise	Nil	216	Nil	Nil	Nil	216
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	530	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	530
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	<b>Finance</b>						
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	100	Nil	266	Nil	366
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Finance (PR) Department	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20

	Finance (Establishment) Department	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (AF)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Nil	10	62	Nil	Nil	72
	Finance (Budget)	2	56	Nil	Nil	Nil	58
	Finance (EC II)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Nil	80	612	Nil	Nil	692
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	Nil	50	1412	Nil	Nil	1462
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	210	333	Nil	Nil	543
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Nil	94	87	Nil	Nil	181
16	<b>Fisheries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Fisheries	40	32	20	Nil	132	224
17	<b>GAD</b>						
	Office Estate Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	GAD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GAD (A)	Nil	20	Nil	126	Nil	146
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	142	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	202
	Director General of Police	Nil	1350	Nil	100	Nil	1450
19	<b>Home Guards &amp;</b>						

	<b>Civil Defence</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Director General of Prisons	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Inspector General of Prison	Nil	130	Nil	Nil	46	176
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	60	Nil	152	Nil	212
	DHS (MI)	260	1264	Nil	Nil	Nil	1524
	DHS (MCH & FW)	30	776	Nil	Nil	Nil	806
	DHS (R)	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
23	<b>Housing</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Housing	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24	<b>Industries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Nil	110	150	Nil	Nil	260
	MIDC	Nil	50	116	Nil	Nil	166
	MCCL	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	MKVIB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MHHDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBCL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MEDC Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of IPR	Nil	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	60
26	<b>Information Technology</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	<b>Law</b>						
	Law (A)	Nil	118	Nil	Nil	Nil	118
	Law (B)	Nil	210	425	Nil	Nil	635
28	<b>Labour</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	16	26
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen	Nil	70	Nil	Nil	Nil	70



	<b>Training</b>						
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	Labour Commissioner	150	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	150
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Nil	160	Nil	Nil	132	292
30	<b>Planning</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	MEDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment	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 Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Nil	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	50
	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
	District Planning Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	<b>Personnel</b>						
	Personnel & AR (A)	Nil	110	Nil	374	Nil	484
	Personnel & AR (B)	Nil	Nil	120	Nil	Nil	120
	DC EK Hills	2708	2822	558	548	4	6640
	DC Ribhoi District	Nil	330	384	Nil	Nil	714
	DC West Jaintia Hills District,	Nil	170	1758	Nil	Nil	1928
	DC West Khasi Hills	42	358	Nil	Nil	Nil	400
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	5280	310	Nil	2	57	5649
	DC East Garo Hills	Nil	110	Nil	Nil	Nil	110
	DC South Garo Hills	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	371	401
	MPSC	Nil	Nil	100	426	Nil	526
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
		Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
MATI		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
DC South West Khasi Hills District		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
DC East Jaintia Hills District		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
DC North Garo Hills		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
DC South West Garo Hills		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Commissioner of Division, Tura		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SDO (C) Sohra		Nil	70	Nil	24	Nil	94
SDO (C) Mairang		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
SDO (C) Amlarem		Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
SDO (C) Dadenggre		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	<b>Political</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	40	Nil	176	Nil	216

33	<b>PHE</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	90	4	Nil	Nil	94
	Chief Engineer	Nil	280	1850	Nil	Nil	2130
34	<b>Power</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	Nil	50
	MeEC Ltd.	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40
	MSERC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MNREDA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	160	40	40	Nil	10	250
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	Nil	50
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	<b>PWD</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	CE PWD(R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (NH)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (B)	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	72	102
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
39	<b>Revenue &amp; Disaster Management</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	1486	Nil	Nil	Nil	1486
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Land Records &	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10

	Survey						
40	<b>SAD</b>						
	SAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil	30	690	Nil	Nil	720
	SAD (N)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Sports & YA	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	60
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	160	Nil	Nil	Nil	160
	Directorate of Social Welfare	Nil	240	2240	Nil	Nil	2480
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Women	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	40	40
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	District Social Welfare Officer	198	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	198
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	10	50	Nil	Nil	60
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	4	192	2196	Nil	188	2580
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Directorate.of Sericulture	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	20
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	20
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	20
45	<b>Transport</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	300	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	310
	Commissioner of Transport						
	MTC	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
46	<b>Tourism</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Directorate of Tourism	Nil	90	Nil	Nil	1396	1486
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	1022	Nil	Nil	Nil	1022
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	20	896	Nil	Nil	916
	Directorate.of Urban Affairs	Nil	70	Nil	1650	Nil	1720
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil	110	1224	Nil	Nil	1334
	Jowai Municipal Board	Nil	10	24	Nil	Nil	34
	MUDA	Nil	260	670	Nil	Nil	930
	Tura Municipal Board	Nil	10	Nil	10	Nil	20
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	Nil	40	8	Nil	Nil	48
	Baghmara Municipal Board	30	30	30	30	Nil	120
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	10	10	Nil	Nil	20
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	730	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	730
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	Nil	Nil	710	112	Nil	822
	<b>Chief Judicial</b>	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40

	Magistrate						
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	Nil	100	Nil	Nil	Nil	100
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	25	75
	Total	<b>11148</b>	<b>17870</b>	<b>27488</b>	<b>8808</b>	<b>2545</b>	<b>67859</b>

*Nota Bene:* NA = (Information) Not Available

**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 RTI activities that had taken place during the year in the state as some Public Authorities have failed to comply with the legal requirement to furnish the relevant information for the Annual Report.* Table 7.6.1 below indicates the names of such public authorities/departments.

**Table 7.6.1**

Sl.No.	Name of the Department	Name of the defaulter Public Authority
1	Community & Rural Development Department	Secretariat
		Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh
		Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara
		Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura
2	Education Department	Secretariat
		Meghalaya Board of School Education
3	Finance Department	Directorate of Local Accounts
4	Food & Civil Supplies Department	Secretariat
		Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies
		Meghalaya State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission
5	General Administrator Department	Zila Sainik Welfare
6	Home (Jails)	Secretariat
7	Home (Passport)	Secretariat
8	Mining & Geology Department	Secretariat
9	Personnel & AR (B) Department	Deputy Commissioner, Ampati
		Commissioner of Division, Tura
10	Public Works Department	Secretariat
11	Social Welfare Department	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
12	Transport Department	Commissioner of Transport
		Secretary, State Transport Authority

## Chapter 8

### Key initiatives undertaken by the Government departments and public authorities in implementing the RTI Act, 2005

#### Significant initiatives by Government/Public Authorities to implement the RTI Act

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

Reporting Year 2016

Sl. No.	Name of Departments/ Public Authorities	Key initiatives undertaken during the year / Remarks
1	2	3
1	<b>Agriculture</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Agriculture	Computerization of all record has been improved as far as possible. During 2016 all record management is started fully computerization. All programmes and activities of each development schemes have been strictly followed with a review programme in every month during the staff meeting. Achievement reports both physical and financial was kept record in hard and soft copy which can be produce as and when required. Awareness programme on RTI Act has been included as part in the programme during the farmers training programme conducted in the district as to make people aware of their right under RTI Act 2005. Awareness Programme has been takes for allied office and for Public.
	Directorate of Horticulture	Care has been taken for proper Record Management and for smooth and transparent disclosure of information.
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board	Nil
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>	
	Secretariat Department	Efforts have been made by the Department to dispose off the applications received as early as possible.
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Nil
3	<b>AH&amp;Vety.</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of AH &Vety	Nil
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Necessary steps have 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 the reason no appeal has been referred either to the DAA as the State Information Commission during the year.
	Directorate of Border Areas Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Necessary steps have been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act.</li> <li>2. Schemes/Projects sanctioned have been duly displayed for public information through media networks and Notice Boards in offices.</li> </ol>
5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>	
	Secretariat Dept.	NA
	Directorate of C&RD	Nil
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Record Management
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	Nil
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Nil
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	Applicant applied by giving fees seeking information and relevant information giving within 30 days.
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	NA
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	NA
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Nil
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	Nil
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Nil
8	<b>Cooperation</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil
	Meghalaya State	



	Warehousing Corporation	Nil
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts	Nil
	MECOFED Ltd.	Nil
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	Nil
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	Nil
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil
9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	KHADC	Nil
	JHADC	All informations received disposed off.
	GHADC	15/4/2016 issued RTI in respect of list of employees sought by Shri Priyam Ch. Sangma.
10	<b>Education</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	DHTE	Nil
	DEPT	Nil
	MBOSE	Nil
	DSEL	Nil
11	<b>Elections</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Deputy Commissioners	Replied to Shri Anupam Purkayastha, Srinagar Colony, H/No-20, Silchar-2, Cachar Assam-788002 vide letter No.SHEL.1/9/2011/Pt./2013/134 dated 6.1.2016
		Replied to Shri Ashri S.C.Iangrai, Mawlai Mawiong Rim, B1-III, Shillong -7903016 vide letter No.SHEL.1/9/2011/Pt./2013/145 dated 25.2.2016
		Replied to Shri R.G.Pradhan, State General Secretary, Lok Janshakti Party, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No.SHEL.1/9/2011/PT/2013/154 dated 3.5.2016
		Replied to Shri Shemphang Warnongjri, R/o LyngkienShyiap, Myllem vide letter No.SHEL.V/63/2016/7 dated 5.8.2016
		Replied to Abdul Munaf Qureshi, Suleiman Compound, Garikhana Opp.Lumdiengjri P.S.Shillong-2 vide letter No.SHEL.V/63/2016/3

		dated 21.7.2016 and No.SHEL.V/63/2016/4 dated 1.8.2016
		Replied to Shri B.Deb, C/o Hi-Tech Computer System, Behind MTC Building, Shillong vide letter No.SHEL.V/63/2016/5 dated 29.7.2016
		All important matters relating to Electoral Rolls, etc. being uploaded on ECI/CEO's websites
		As per Scheduled of Summary Revision received from ECI forms 6, 7, 8,8A filed are being maintained. Manuscript pertaining to Revision Programme from time to time.
		Maintenance of Register 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 ECI
12	<b>ERTS</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil
	Commissioner of Excise	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil
13	<b>Finance</b>	
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	Nil
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	Nil
	Finance (EC 1) Department	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Nil
	Finance (PR) Department	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Department	Nil
	Finance (AF)	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil

	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Necessary steps have been taken to provide the information within the stipulated time as per provision of the Act.
	Finance (Budget)	Nil
	Finance (EC II)	Nil
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	NA
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	NA
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Maintain and record in the register
	O/o Addl. PCCF ( Social Forestry & Environment)	Maintain and record in the register
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Maintain and record in the register
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Maintain and record in the register
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Maintain and record in the register
16	<b>Fisheries</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Directorate of Fisheries	Nil
17	<b>GAD</b>	
	Office Estate Officer	Nil
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare	NA
	GAD (B)	Nil
	GAD (A)	Maintenance of Record Management of RTI Register for quick disposal of information
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>	
	Secretariat Department	A Register is maintained in the Department for recording the application received alongwith the application fees and cost of fee collected under Section 4 dissemination of information.
	Director General of Police	Nil
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil

	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Director General of Prisons	NA
	Inspector General of Prisons	Internal reviews meeting with the officers and staff conducted for compliance of the provisions of the Act and Rules thereof.
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>	
	Secretariaat Deptt.	Nil
	DHS (MI)	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil
23	<b>Housing</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Directorate of Housing	RTI Application of Shri D.Lyngdoh, General Secretary, Meghalaya State Housing Board Employee Union, Meghalaya, Shillong
		RTI Application of L.D. Agarwal forwarded by R.Lyngdoh, Special Officer & Ex-officio Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Planning Department
		RTI Application of L.D. Agarwal forwarded by the Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Housing Department
		RTI Application of Shri Thomas Passah, President KHNAM, State Youth wing forwarded by Smti. B. Rymmai, Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Personnel & Admv. Reforms (B) Department
		All Records (List of Beneficiaries) are being kept at Deputy Commissioner West Khasi Hills District Nongstoin website "West Khasi Hills.gov.in".
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil
24	<b>Industries</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Record Management, Computerization
	MIDC	Nil
	MCCL	Nil
	MKVIB	Nil
	MHHDC	Nil
	MBCL	Nil
	MEDC Ltd.	Nil
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of IPR	Nil
26	<b>Information</b>	

	<b>Technology</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
27	<b>Law</b>	
	Law (A)	Nil
	Law (B)	Nil
28	<b>Labour</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate 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	Nil
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	1. The RTI Application received during the year 2016 has been disposed of in time as per the provision of the Act. 2. Suo Motu disclosure and updating of information will be done once the office website is ready and the same is under process with the NIC.
	Labour Commissioner	Nil
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	This Directorate/Office has already procured a computer & printer & this will help in providing informations of any matter required by the public.
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Record, Management, Computerization and networking is still going on
30	<b>Planning</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	The Department is trying to update all information and preparation of Manual is being taking up and the same is under process
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Updated RTI Manual posted in Government RTI website
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Updated RTI Manual sent to Government
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	The Directorate including its District Offices is trying to update all 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.	Nil
	Bio. Resource Development Centre, Shillong	The Centre has complied to obligations of Public Authorities in Section 4(1) (b)
	State Council of Science & Technology &	Nil

	Environment	
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	Nil
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	Nil
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	Nil
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Under process
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	Nil
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	Nil
	Science & Technology Cell	Nil
	District Planning Officer	<p>Net Working DIO, Shillong</p> <p>Proactive Disclosure of implementation under Section 4(1) of the Right to information Act 2005.</p> <p>Implementation of Sou muto disclosures etc is yet to be initiated</p> <p>Under process being taken up by NIC, North Garo Hills District.</p>
31	<b>Personnel</b>	
	Personnel & AR (A)	Nil
	Personnel & AR (B)	Nil
	Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills	The process of scanning of old records is continuing in the branch, to make the process of retrieval of information hassle free.
		Replied to Shri Anupam Purkayastha, Srinagar Colony, H/No-20, Silchar-2 Cachar Assam, 788002 vide letter No.SHEL.1/9/2011/Pt/2013/134, dated 6.1.2016.
		Replied to Shri B.Deb, C/o Hi-Tech Computer System, Behind MTC Building, Shillong vide letter No.SHEL.V/63/2016/5, dated 29.7.2016.
		Result declared in different posts by DSC marks obtained by each selected candidates sou moto in the Notice Board as well as through the website.
		Net Working-District Informative Officer (DIO), Shillong.
		Replied to Suraj Deka, C/o Smti Pabitra Talukdar, Silpukhuri (Karnachal Hill Side) Pachim Nizarapar Shastri Path, House No.2, Guwahati-781003 vide letter No.E.16/24/2016/3, dated 16.3.2016.
	DC Ri Bhoi District	Nil
	DC West Jaintia Hills District	Nil

Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills	Proactive disclosure of information under section 4(1) B of the Right to information Act, 2005. All application filed under RTI Act 2005 have already been disposed of in time.
	All records (list of beneficiaries) are being kept at Deputy Commissioner West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin Website "West Khasi Hills.Gov.in".
	Record is being maintained and prepared for Suo Moto declaration under section-4 RTI Act.
DC West Garo Hills, Tura	Prompt disposal of RTI Application
	Maintenance of Register.
DC East Garo Hills	Nil
DC South Garo Hills	Nil
MPSC	Nil
Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil
Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil
Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI)	Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute has completed the upgradation of its official website. Following which, the institute is also taking up periodical reviews and updations of the same to maintain accurate Suo Moto Disclosure of Information under Section 4 of RTI, 2005. Initiative of the Institute towards Record Management, Computerization and Networking is on-going.
DC South West Khasi Hills District	Records are being properly maintained and computerization of Judicial Branch is also undertaken for important file.
DC East Jaintia Hills District	Nil
DC North Garo Hills	Nil
DC South West Garo Hills	NA
Commissioner of Division, Tura	NA
SDO (C) Sohra	1. As per scheduled Summary Revision received from Election Commission of India Form 6,7,8,8A filed are being maintained. Manuscript pertaining to Revision Programme from time to time.
	2. Maintenance of Register pertaining to issue of EPIC.
	3. Stock Register of EVMs maintained.
	4. Hard & Soft copy of Electoral (Photo & Normal) are being maintained in respect to Revision Programme as announced by Election Commission of India.
SDO (C) Mairang	Nil
SDO (C) Amlarem	1. Improvement of Record management for ease of access in response to RTI in any matter.
	2. Preparing the list of PIOs in the office along with all PIOs in

		subordinate office in the Sub-Division for publication of sub-divisional website for public convenience.
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	Most of the information generally sought are put on the official website or the notice board which generally reduces the RTI applications.
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	Nil
32	<b>Political</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
33	<b>PHE</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Chief Engineer	Work in progress for total computerization & Networking
34	<b>Power</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Through file
	MeEC Ltd.	Nil
	MSERC	Nil
	MNREDA	Through file
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	Available in MeECL website: Meecl.nic.in
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Record Management
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All informations advertisements in the Meghalaya Gazette are being posted in the website for Public awareness is still continuing.</li> <li>2. Setting up of Braille Press is under process and non recurring fund in 1<sup>st</sup> Installment by NIVH under C.S.S. under 12<sup>th</sup> 5 year plan for procurement of machines for PWD's has been sanctioned and all effort is being carried out to complete within a very short period and effort is being made to persuade the Central Govt. for continuance of the Scheme in the upcoming 5 year plan.</li> </ol>
36	<b>PWD</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	CE PWD(R)	Maintenance of RTI Register for quick disposal of information
	CE PWD (NH)	Maintenance of RTI Register for quick disposal of information
	CE PWD (B)	PWD (R&B), Secretariat is the Public Authority of PWD Buildings.



		Hence it does not arise.
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	Nil
39	<b>Revenue &amp; Disaster Management</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil
	Directorate Land Records & Survey	Land records management
40	<b>SAD</b>	
	SAD (A)	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil
	SAD (N)	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Sports & YA	Nil
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Record of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
	Directorate of Social Welfare	Record of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers.
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil
	State Commission for Women	Nil
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	NA
	District Social Welfare Officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Assistant has been drafted as the Help desk for those who are seeking information.</li> <li>2) Proper Record maintenance of the application maintained with details of information sought and given.</li> <li>3) Required payment of fees under Section 4(4), 6 (1) &amp; (5) has been displayed to inform the person seeking information about the Fee structure of RTI.</li> </ol>

	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	Nil
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)	Nil
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	Nil
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	1) Notification regarding the RTI Act 2005 and information available thereof are placed in the Notice Board.
		2) Information to all the Schemes undertaken by the office was made available and maintained transparency.
		3) Formats updated at Regular Intervals.
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	All relevant records are kept properly in documentation. As such information sought by applicants under the RTI Act 2005 could be disposed of accordingly. Suo Motu disclosures. Prompt action taken on all queries. Record management RTI-Fits maintained.
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA
	Directorate of Sericulture	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	Nil
45	<b>Transport</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Commissioner of Transport	NA
	MTC	Nil
Secretary, State Transport Authority	NA	
46	<b>Tourism</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Tourism	Sou Mou public proactive disclosures Section 4 of RTI act, 2005 Section 4 (1) (b) (i); Section 4 (1) (b) (xvi); Section 4 (1) (b) (vi)
	MTDC ltd.	Necessary action is in hand for proper record management.
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	Nil

	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	Records manage through register and files.
	MUDA	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	Nil
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	Nil
	Baghmara Municipal Board	Key initiatives undertaken during the year is that the applicants of vested interest groups and individuals should be rejected.
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	Nil
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	Nil
	<b>Chief Judicial Magistrate</b>	Public made aware of the Right to seek information under the Right to Information
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong</b>	Nil
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	Nil
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	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.
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	Internal reviews meeting with the officers and staff conducted for compliance of the Prisons of the Act and Rules thereof.

*Nota Bene:* NA = (Information) Not Available

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

## **Important provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005**

- The Act was enacted with a view to set out a practical regime for the citizens to secure information as a matter of right.
- A citizen has a right to seek such information from a public authority which is held by it or which is held under its control. This right includes inspection of work, documents and records; taking notes, extracts or certified copies of documents or records; and taking certified samples of material held by the public authority or held under the control of the public authority. A citizen has a right to obtain information from a public authority in the form of diskettes, floppies, tapes, video cassettes or in any other electronic mode or through print-outs provided such information is already stored in a computer or in any other device.
- In normal course, information to an applicant shall be supplied within 30 days from the receipt of application by the public authority. If information sought concerns the life or liberty of a person, it shall be supplied within 48 hours. If an applicant is not supplied information within the prescribed time or is not satisfied with the information furnished to him, he may prefer an appeal to the First Appellate Authority (FAA) who is an officer senior in rank to the Public Information Officer (PIO). Such an appeal should be filed within a period of thirty days from the date on which the information or decision of the PIO is received. The FAA shall dispose of the appeal within a period of 30 days or in exceptional cases within 45 days of the receipt of the appeal. If the FAA fails to pass an order on the appeal within the prescribed period or if the appellant is not satisfied with the order of the FAA, he may prefer a second appeal with the Information Commission within 90 days from the date on which the decision should have been made by the FAA or was actually received by the appellant.
- A citizen who desires to seek some information from a public authority is required to send, along with the application, a demand draft or a banker's cheque or an Indian Postal Order of Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten), payable to the Accounts Officer of the public authority as fee prescribed for seeking information. The payment of fee can also be made by way of cash to the public authority or to the Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO), against a proper receipt. The applicant may also be required to pay further fee towards the cost of providing the information, details of which shall be intimated to the applicant by the PIO as prescribed by the RTI Rules 2012. Rates of fee as prescribed in the Rules are given below: (a) rupees two (Rs. 2/-) for each page (in A-3 or smaller size paper); (b) actual cost or price of a photocopy in larger size paper; (c) actual cost or price for samples or models; (d) rupees fifty (Rs. 50/-) per diskette or floppy; (e) price fixed for a publication or rupees two per page of photocopy for extracts from the publication and (f) so much of postal charges involved in supply of information that exceeds fifty rupees. For inspection of records, the public authority shall charge no fee for the first hour. But a fee of rupees five (Rs. 5/-) for each subsequent hour (or fraction thereof) shall be charged. A below poverty line (BPL) applicant, with a proper documentary proof, is not required to pay any fee.
- The decisions of the Commission are binding. The public authority should ensure that the orders passed by the Commission are implemented. If any public authority or a PIO is of the view that an order of the Commission is not in consonance with the provisions of the Act, it may approach the High Court by way of a Writ Petition.
- If the PIO has, without any reasonable cause, refused to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or, obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, the State Information Commission shall impose a penalty of Rs. 250/- each day till application is received or information is furnished, so however, the total amount of such penalty shall not exceed Rs. 25000/-; provided that the PIO shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before any penalty is imposed on him: provided further that the burden of proving that he acted reasonably

and diligently shall be on the PIO. The State Information Commission shall recommend for disciplinary action against the PIO under the service rules applicable to him, besides pecuniary penalty {Section 20 (1) & (2)}.