

# **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

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# **Chapter I**

## **Introduction**

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

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

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

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

During the last twelve years, it is seen that implementation of the Act has been marching forward in ensuring transparency and accountability particularly in government departments. And the number of applications received with effect from 2006 to 2017 is on the rise each successive year.

The Table below indicates the *year-wise disposal of Complaints* by the Commission during the last 12 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	-	
2017	37	37	-	

The Table below shows the *year wise disposal of Second Appeals* by the Commission during the last 12 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	0	
2007	18	18	0	
2008	23	20	0	
2009	37	34	0	3 nos. carried over
2010	17	14	1	2 nos. carried over
2011	13	8	5	
2012	8	4		4 nos. carried over
2013	17	15		2 nos. carried over
2014	14	13		1 no. carried over
2015	15	15	0	
2016	11	11	0	
2017	12	12	0	

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

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

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

The Commission has spared no efforts to redress genuine grievances but much still has to be done to educate Public Authorities as well as citizens so that the intentions of this law are achieved and transparency in the public arena increases.

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

Implementation of *The Right to Information Act 2005* during the year 2017 in the State was by and large smooth.

The Meghalaya State Information Commission is pleased to present to the State Government of Meghalaya this **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Report** for the period from *1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017*.

## 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 (by deputation)
3.	Deputy Secretary	1	1 (by deputation)
4.	Senior PS to the CIC	1	1 (by deputation)
5.	Superintendent	1	1 (by deputation)
6.	UDA	2	2 (by deputation)
7.	Data Entry Operator	1	1
8.	LDA	1	1 (by deputation)
9.	Driver	2	2
10.	Process Server	1	1
11.	Peons	3	3
12.	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 Lachau miere, Shillong.

The present *official address* of the Commission is :

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

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**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 is sent through the nodal department for laying it 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 / Deputy 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	<p>Shri Wilfred Nongsiej Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission <b>Phone</b> – 2500179 (Office)</p> <p><b>Address :</b> Lower Lachauchiere East Khasi Hills District Shillong - 793 001 Meghalaya</p>	<p>Smti. D. Dkhar, Deputy Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission <b>Phone</b> – 2500179 (O) <b>Address :</b> Lower Lachauchiere East Khasi Hills District Shillong – 793 001 Meghalaya</p>

## 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 2016-2017 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)		Balance
		Budget Provision for the year 2017 - 2018	Expenditure up to 31/03/2018	
01	Salaries	97,00,000.00	69,94,400.00	27,05,600.00
02	Wages	2,95,000.00	3,45,000.00	NIL
06	Medical Treatment	4,00,000.00	11,100.00	3,88,900.00
11	Domestic Travel Expenses	3,75,000.00	63,033.00	1,07,460.00
13	Office Expenses	5,75,000.00	4,09,000.00	3,11,967.00
16	Publications	3,88,000.00	2,22,000.00	1,66,000.00
21	Supplies & Materials	4,05,000.00	1,26,369.00	2,78,631.00
28	Professional Services	1,05,000.00	NIL	1,05,000.00
50	Other Charges	72,000.00	50,000.00	22,000.00
51	Motor Vehicles	2,05,000.00	2,77,268.00	NIL
52	Machinery & Equipment	1,25,000.00	74,768.00	50,232.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,26,45,000.00</b>	<b>85,72,938.00</b>	<b>41,35,790.00</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 2017, the Commission received 49 numbers of Complaints and Appeals. Of these, all the 49 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 *Twelfth 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.

Date	Nature of Programme
30.1.2017	“Awareness Programmes on Implementation of the RTI Act, 2005” Conference Hall, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills, Jowai
21.02.2017	RTI Awareness programme at the Deputy Commissioner’s Office, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin
19.05.2017	Attended the Board of Governors’ Meeting of National Federation of Information Commissions in India, at New Delhi
15.07.2017	Attended the Seminar on “Land Records and Right to Information Act, 2005”. Conference Hall, SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
16.09.2017	RTI training organized by the District Administration, West Garo Hills District, Tura
07.11.2017	RTI workshop for PIOs & FAAs of Police Department, Police Headquarters, Shillong

During the year, other District level workshops and awareness programmes on implementation of the Act were organized in other District Headquarters too 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 2017, a total of 37 complaints were received by the Commission and all the 37 cases were disposed off 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 2017**

Sl. No.	Name of Department / Public Authority	No. of Complaints pending with Information Commission at the end of Last Year	No. of Complaints preferred during the year	No. of Complaints disposed and acted upon	No. of Complaints Disposed and Rejected
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Garo Hills Autonomous District Council	0	4	4	0
2	MPSC	0	1	1	0
3	Colonel Shishupal Security Consultancy & Services (CSSCS)	0	1	1	0
4	Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council	0	1	1	0
5	Deputy Commissioner (Supply) West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	1	1	0
6	Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Shillong	0	3	3	0
7	Revenue & Disaster Management, Shillong	0	1	1	0
8	PIO & BDO, C&RD Block, Amlarem, West Jaintia Hills	0	1	1	0
9	Border Area Development Deptt., Shillong	0	1	1	0
10	Chief Executive Officer, Tura Municipal Board	0	1	1	0
11	Directorate School Education & Literacy, Shillong	0	3	3	0
12	Chief Engineer, PHE, Shillong	0	2	2	0

13	Police Training School, Meghalaya, Shillong	0	2	2	0
14.	Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Western Zone, Tura	0	4	4	0
15	MePGCL, Lumjingshai, Shillong	0	1	1	0
16	DHTE, Meghalaya Shillong	0	2	2	0
17	Directorate of Agriculture, Meghalaya Shillong	0	1	1	0
18	Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills	0	1	1	0
19	MUDA, Shillong	0	1	1	0
20	Mahatma Gandhi University, GS Road	0	1	1	0
21	BDO, Selsella C&RD Block	0	1	1	0
22	Rural Bank, Head Office, Shillong	0	1	1	0
23	Jaiaw Presbyterian Church, Jaiaw	0	1	1	0
24	Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	1	1	0
			37	37	

**Table 3.1.2****Details of the complaints disposed off by the Commission during 2017**

Sl. No	Case No.	Name of Complainant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Complaint/2/2017/4 Dated 24-1-2017 (Record January 2017)	Shri Dardy G.C.Marak, Chief Adviser, A.chik Youth Council, Apex Body Administrative Board, Matchakolgre, P.O. Araimile, West Garo Hills, Tura – 794101 Mobile - 8132006747	First Appellate Authority & Secretary, Executive Committee, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council , Tura. Public Information Officer, GHADC, in-charge Civil Works Department, West Hills District, Tura
2	MIC/Complaint/3/2017/8 Dated 24-1-2017 (Record January 2017)	Shri Banshai Marbaniang, Mawsynram, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya. Mobile - 8794997834	First Appellate Authority & Secretary, MPSC, Shillong, Public Information Officer, MPSC, Shillong
3	MIC/Complaint/1/2017/4 Dated 20-1-2017 (Record January 2017)	Shri Ramesh Shadap, Mawdiangdiang, East Khasi Hills, Shillong Phone - 8575455848	PIO, Colonel Shishupal Security Consultancy & Services (CSSCS), Utsav Complex, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Jail Road, Shillong - 793001
4	MIC/Complaint/3/2017/8 Dated 24-1-2017 (Record January 2017)	Shri Rajesius Kharmuti, Mawlai Kynton Massar, Shillong. Mobile – 8014693415 Shri Ailad Lapang, Lower Mawprem, Myllem Syiemship, Shillong. Mobile - 8416071464	First Appellate Authority & Joint Secretary, in-charge Elaka, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong. Public Information Officer, Dorbar of Hima Myllem, East Khasi Hills, Mawkhar.
5	MIC/Complaint/8/2017/5 Dated 28-2-2017 (Record 22-2-2017)	Shri Brentis Langshiang, Amsyrwai Village, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya - 793161	F A A & Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Jaintia Hills, Jowai. PIO & Sub-Divisional Officer (Supply), Amlarem Sub-Division
6	MIC/Complaint/48/2017/10, Dated 22-2-2017 (Record February 2017)	Maxbirth G. Momin, Asstt General Secretary, AYC, Reserve Gittim, Tura, P.O. Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794001 Mobile - 8794275617	F A A & Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Shillong, Cleve Colony, Shillong. P I O & Executive Engineer, Water Resources, West Garo Hills
7	MIC/Complaint/47/2016/44 Dated 3-3-2017 (Record December 2016)	Shri Thomas Passah, President, KHNAM, State Youth Wing, Mobile - 9774414380	F A A & Joint Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management, Meghalaya. P I O & Under Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management, Meghalaya, Shillong

8	MIC/Complaint/9/2017/6 Dated 8-3-2017 (Record February 2017)	Shri Sengbath Ch. Marak, General Secretary, AYWO (CGB) Tura, Mobile – 917085279714 Shri Raksrang A. Sangma, General Secretary, FKJGP Garo Hills Zone, Tura Mobile - 919862912394	First Appellate Authority & Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Shillong, Cleve Colony, Shillong. Public Information Officer & Executive Engineer, Water Resources, South West Garo Hills, Ampati
9	MIC/Complaint/12/2016/9 Dated 20-3-2017 (Record 6-2-2017)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, Sub P.O. Amlarem 793161, West Jaintia Hills District	P I O & Block Development Officer, Amlarem C&RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District
10	MIC/ Complaint/11/2017/6 Dated 12-4-2017 (Record March 2017)	Shri Balrang Raka Ch Momin, Addl. General Secretary, Garo Students' Union, CEC, Tura	FAA, GHADC. PIO, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura
11	MIC/ Complaint/12/2017/3 Dated 20-4-2017 (Record March 2017)	Shri Silning D. Sangma, Balsanang, CNI Church, Najing Bazar, P.O. Araimile, West Garo Hills – 794101 Mobile – 9856474898. Email <a href="mailto:Silningsangma4@gmail.com">Silningsangma4@gmail.com</a>	First Appellate Authority & Director, Border Area Development, Shillong, Public Information Officer, Border Area Development Officer, South West Garo Hills District, Ampati
12	MIC/Complaint/49/2016/ Dated 25-4-2017 (Record December 2016)	Shri Silning D. Sangma, Balsanang, P.O. Dakopgre, West Garo Hills – 794101 Mobile – 9856474898. Email <a href="mailto:Silningsangma4@gmail.com">Silningsangma4@gmail.com</a>	First Appellate Authority & Chief Executive Officer, Tura Municipal Board, Public Information Officer, Tura Municipal Board
13	MIC/Complaint/14/2017/5 Dated 26-4-2017 (Record March 2017)	Shri Amir Hussain, S/o Lt. Anuwar Hussain, Village – Bagicha, P.O. & P.S. Mahendraganj, District South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. Pin - 794106	DAA & Director, School Education & Literacy, PIO & Secretary, Mahendraganj Girls Secondary School, P.O. & P.S. Mahendraganj, District South West Garo Hills,
14	MIC/Complaint/15/2017/8 Dated 16-5-2017 (Record March 2017)	Shri Tilbert A. Sangma, R/o Balading, Tura, West Garo Hills. Mobile - 8974395503	F A A & Chief Engineer, PHE Department, PIO & Member-Secretary, DWSM, SBM, West Garo Hills
15	MIC/Complaint/16/2017/6 Dated 16-5-2017 (Record March 2017)	Shri Tilbert A. Sangma, R/o Balading, Tura, West Garo Hills. Mobile - 8974395503	F A A, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council. P I O, GHADC, Tura.
16	MIC/Complaint/13/2017/10 Dated 17-5-2017 (Record April 2017)	Shri Silning D. Sangma, Balsanang, CNI Church, Najing Bazar, P.O. Araimile, West Garo Hills – 794101 Mobile – 9856474898. Email <a href="mailto:Silningsangma4@gmail.com">Silningsangma4@gmail.com</a>	Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Risa Colony, Shillong, for informing the PIO. Public Information Officer, Water Resources Department, South Garo



		<u>m</u>	Hills Division, Baghmara
17	MIC/Complaint/24/2017/4 Dated 27-6-2017 (Record May 2017)	Rofiqul Islam, Village – Fakirpara, P.O. & P.S. Mahendraganj, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya - 794106	DAA & Director, School Education & Literacy, District School Education Officer, South West Garo Hills, Ampati P I O & Headmaster, Fakirpara, SSA, L.P. School, P.O. & P.S. Mahendraganj, South West Garo Hills,.
18	MIC/Complaint/26/2017/5 Dated 4-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Shri Dean David Marbaniang, Mawlai Nongmali – 3, Near FCI Godown, Shillong - 793001	D A A, Police Training School, Meghalaya, Shillong. P I O Police Training School, Shillong.
19	MIC/Complaint/27/2017/5 Dated 4-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Shri Joey Lawrence Khongwir, Wahingdoh Block – 5, Raid Mohan Lane, Shillong - 793001	D A A, Police Training School, Meghalaya, Shillong. PIO, Police Training School, Meghalaya, Shillong.
20	MIC/Complaint/18/2017/12 Dated 6-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Shri Silning D. Sangma, Balsanang, CNI Church, Najing Bazar, P.O. Araimile, West Garo Hills – 794101 Mobile – 9856474898. Email <a href="mailto:Silningsangma4@gmail.com">Silningsangma4@gmail.com</a> <u>m</u>	Designated Appellate Authority & Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Shillong, Meghalaya. Public Information Officer & Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Tura.
21	MIC/Complaint/30/2017/8 Dated 21-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Maxbirth G. Momin, Asstt General Secretary, AYC, Reserve Gittim, Tura, P.O. Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794001 Mobile - 8794275617	DAA & Addl., Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Western Zone, Tura. PIO & Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads), East Garo Hills, Williamnagar.
22	MIC/Complaint/32/2017/5 Dated 21-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Maxbirth G. Momin, Asstt General Secretary, AYC, Reserve Gittim, Tura, P.O. Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794001 Mobile - 8794275617	DAA & Addl., Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Western Zone, Tura. PIO & Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads), South Garo Hills.
23	MIC/Complaint/22/2017/21 Dated 21-7-2017 (Record April 2017)	Shri Dardy G.C.Marak, Chief Adviser, A.chik Youth Council, Apex Body Administrative Board, Matchakolgre, P.O. Araimile, West Garo Hills, Tura – 794101 Mobile - 8132006747	DAA, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura. PIO, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura, in-charge Civil Works Department, West Hills District, Tura
24	MIC/Complaint/29/2017/4 Dated 24-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Maxbirth G. Momin, Asstt General Secretary, AYC, Reserve Gittim, Tura, P.O. Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya – 794001	DAA & Addl., Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Western Zone, Tura. PIO & Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads),

		Mobile - 8794275617	East Garo Hills, Williamnagar, Assistant PIO & Executive Engineer, PWD (T/C), PMGSY Cell Williamnagar Circle, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar.
25	MIC/Complaint/31/2017/4 Dated 25-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Shri Dardy G.C.Marak, Chief Adviser, A.chik Youth Council, Apex Body Administrative Board, Matchakolgre, P.O. Araimile, West Garo Hills, Tura – 794101 Mobile - 8132006747	Designated Appellate Authority & Addl., Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Western Zone, Tura. Public Information Officer & Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads), South West Garo Hills, Ampati.
26	MIC/Complaint/25/2017/6 Dated 27-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Dr Philetus Marak, Near 132 KV Grid Sub Station, Upper Rongkhon, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	DAA & Director (Generation), MePGCL, Lumjingshai, Shillong. Additional Chief Engineer (Civil) Ganol SHP MePHCL, West Garo Hills, APIO & Superintending Engineer (Civil), Ganol SHP MePGCL, West Garo Hills, Tura.
27	MIC/Complaint/17/2017/19 Dated 27-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Sanjay Kumar, Doda District, Jammu & Kashmir	PIO & Addl., Director Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, PIO Techno Global University, Meghalaya
28	MIC/Complaint/42/2017/5 Dated 15-9-2017 (Record July 2017)	Shri Jintu Ch. Marak, President, Federation for A.chik Freedom, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills, Meghalaya	DAA & Director Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong. PIO & Principal, Williamnagar Govt. College, East Garo Hills.
29	MIC/Complaint/41/2017/11 Dated 19-9-2017 (Record July 2017)	Shri Aimonbha Syad, R/o Mukhla Mission, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya	DAA & Director Agriculture, Shillong. PIO & District Agriculture Officer, West Jaintia Hills.
30	MIC/Complaint/23/2017/20 Dated 19-9-2017 (Record 21-8-2017)	Shri J.Donbor Dkhar, R/o Nongsohphan Village, P.O. Pongtung, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya	DAA & Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, PIO, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong
31	MIC/Complaint/33/2017/15 Dated 4-10-2017 (Record 22-6-2017)	Shri S. Nongkynrih, Upper Lumparing, Shillong -4	DAA & Secretary, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority, PIO, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority, Shillong
32	MIC/Complaint/44/2017/6 Dated 9-10-2017 (Record September 2017)	Shri Sanggra Marak, Upper Gillagora Village, P.O. & P.S. Ranikor,	PIO, Directorate of School Education & Literacy, PIO & Sub-Divisional

		South West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya. Mobile - 9856782170	School Education Officer, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat.
33	MIC/Complaint/13/2017/10 Dated 9-10-2017 (Record September 2017)	Niraj Kumar Nirala, Village + P.O. Tadar, Thana-Sanhauli, District Bhagalpur, Bihar	FAA, Mahatma Gandhi University, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mile, GS Road, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya PIO, Mahatma Gandhi University, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mile, GS Road, Ri Bhoi District.
34	MIC/Complaint/46/2017/9 Dated 17-10-2017 (Record September 2017)	Shri Shohidur Islam, Secretary, Moulakandi Kobor Stan Committee, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya	Public Information Officer & Block Development Officer, Selsella C & RD Block, Selsella, West Garo Hills District.
35	MIC/Complaint/46/2017/9 Dated 31-10-2017 (Record September 2017)	Shri Jeremias Lyngdoh, Markasa, BPO Markasa – 793119 (Near Markasa Secondary School Building), West Khasi Hills	Chairman, Rural Bank, Head Office, Shillong, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flor MTC Building, Police Bazar, Shillong. FAA & Area Manager, Rural Bank, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin. PIO & Branch Manager, Rural Bank, Markasa, West Khasi Hills District
36	MIC/Complaint/51/2017/10 Dated 20-11-2017 (Record October 2017)	Shri Michael Nongsiej, Mawpat Umsawli, Shillong - 793018	Rev. R.K.Chonga, Pastor in-charge Jaiaw Presbyterian Church, Jaiaw.
37	MIC/Complaint/53/2017/5 Dated 6-12-2017 (Record 29-11-2017)	Shri Ebrayan Nongmin, Nongkulang, P.O. Borsora, South West Khasi Hills Mobile - 8259025831	FAA & Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat. PIO Office of the Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat

### **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).

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)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) b)	0	37	37	37	0
18 (1) (c)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) (d)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) (e)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) (f)	0	0	0	0	0
Total		37	37	37	0

## **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 *twelve 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	CMJ, University	0	1	1	1	0
2	DSEL, Shillong	0	3	3	3	0
3	Directorate Horticulture Department, Meghalaya, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
4	MeCLtd, Lumjingshai, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
5	Mahatma Gandhi University	0	1	1	1	0
6	Education Department	0	1	1	1	0
7	Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	1	1	1	0
8	Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong	0	2	2	2	0
9	State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
	Total		12	12	12	0

**Table 4.2.1**

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

Sl.No.	Case No.	Name of Appellant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Appeal/11/2016/ Dated 16-2-2017 (Record 20-1-2017)	Sachendra Kumar Dikshit, S/o Shri Mathura Prasad Dikshit, 108, Church Road, Harkowly Kothy, Civil Line Sitapur (U.P.)	First Appellate Authority, C.M.J. University Jorabat, Ri Bhoi, District, Meghalaya. Public Information Officer, C,M.J. University Jorabat, Ri Bhoi, District, Meghalaya
2	MIC/Appeal/1/2017/13 Dated 6-3-2017 (Record 31-1-2017)	D.S. Malai, Secretary, Human Rights Council of India, Protection of Human Rights for North Eastern Region, Shillong - 793004	First Appellate Authority, School Education & Literacy, Laitumkhrach, Shillong. Public Information Officer, School Education & Literacy, Laitumkhrach, Shillong.
3	MIC/Appeal/3/2017/25 Dated 11-5-2017 (Record April 2017)	Ram Mohan Nag, H-101, Shri Niwas Puri, New Delhi - 110065	First Appellate Authority, Horticulture Department, Meghalaya, Shillong. Public Information Officer , Directorate of Horticulture Department, Meghalaya, Shillong
4	MIC/Appeal/02/2017/26 Dated 29-5-2017 (Record 25-2-2017)	Shri Mantiphrang Lyngdoh Kiri, C/o M.Sumer, Mai Cottage (Temple Road), Lower Lachumiere, Shillong - 1	FAA Corporate Affairs, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lumjingshai, Shillong. PIO, Corporate Affairs, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lumjingshai, Shillong
5	MIC/Appeal/19/2015/33 Dated 7-7-2017 (Record April 2017)	Arun Kumar, H.No.145, Malka Ganj Road, Nehru Khtia, Delhi - 110007	Shri Kumar Abhishek, Public Information Officer, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus Khanapara, 13th Mile, G.S. Road, District Ri Bhoi
6	MIC/Appeal/5/2017/4 Dated 21-7-2017 (Record June 2017)	Shri Evanzir Warjri, Mawjongka Mawkneng, East Khasi Hills, S.O. Sohiong – 793115, Phone - 8014205012	FAA, Education Department & Principal Secretary, Education Department, Meghalaya, PIO & Principal, Meribon Memorial College, Sohiong, East Khasi Hills.
7	MIC/Appeal/9/2017/34 Dated 30-8-2017 (Record July 2017)	Shri O.M.Shylla, Mawbidong Village, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat Mobile - 9856789205	DAA & Director, School Education & Literacy, Laitumkhrach, Shillong. Head Teacher & APIO, Mawbidong Presbyterian, L.P. & U.P. School, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat.
8	MIC/Appeal/09/2016/80 Dated 31-8-2017 (Record 25-10-2016)	Shri Chandra Sekhar Sarmah, General Manager, Vision Prag, Prag News, Surya Tower, B. Baruah College Road, Ulubari - 781007	DAA & Director, School Education & Literacy, Laitumkhrach, Shillong. PIO & Deputy Director of School Education & Literacy, Laitumkhrach, Shillong.



9	MIC/Appeal/8/2017/9 Dated 31-8-2017) (Record 25-10-2016)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Thangbuli Village, Sub P.O. Amlarem, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya - 793161	DAA & Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai. PIO, Office of the Deputy Commissioner West Jaintia Hills PIO & Block Development Officer, Amlarem, West Jaintia Hills District.
10	MIC/Appeal/7/2017/53 Dated 19-9-2017) (Record 28-7-2017)	Smti Ibamut Gayang, Nongumlong (Mawshyieng), P.O. Umlyangka, B.P.O. Nongumlong, Pin – 793005 Mobile - 8974383204	DAA & Joint Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong. PIO, Sohra Syiemship Sohra, East Khasi Hills, P.O. Cherra Bazar, 793111
11	MIC/Appeal/6/2017/45 Dated 19-9-2017) (Record 28-7-2017)	Smti Mimeodilna Syiemlieh, Vill – Dewkber, Thieddieng Village Court. P.O. Mawsynram Phone No.9436321074	DAA & Joint Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong. PIO, Sohra Syiemship Sohra, East Khasi Hills
12	MIC/Appeal/10/2017/55 Dated 4-10-2017 (Record August 2017)	Shri S.K. Sharma 30, Chandan Nagar Survey, Beltola Road, Guwahati – 28 Mobile – 94351- 44118	PIO, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong. PIO, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, ‘Arden’ Shillong - 793014

## Chapter 5

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

(Orders passed by the Commission during 2017)

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**No. MIC/Appeal/1/2017/13**

D.S.Malai,

- Appellant

-Vrs-

FAA & Director, School Education & Literacy, Shillong

PIO & Monitoring Officer, School Education & Literacy, Shillong

} Respondents

**6-3-2017**

### **ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Appellant, Shri D.S.Malai is present. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) & Director, School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong, Shri A. Ch. Marak, MCS and both the Respondent-Public Information Officer (PIO) & Deputy Director, School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong, Smti T.M.Pyngrope are present.

Briefly the fact of the case is that, the appellant on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 had filed an RTI application on 13 items before the PIO. The PIO furnished the information on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 (i.e a delay of about 28 days). The records submitted by the Appellant before the Commission show that the PIO furnished information only on one item i.e. item No. 10. Not satisfied with the information supplied by the PIO, the Appellant on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, preferred a First Appeal before the FAA. The FAA on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016, replied to the Appeal and stated that, “**after reviewing of the information prepared this is the only information which is available with us so far**”. The Appellant not satisfied with the reply of the FAA on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 preferred a Second Appeal before the Commission.

Heard the submission of the Director & First Appellate Authority of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong, Shri A.Ch Marak, MCS and also perused his written show cause submitted before the Commission.

And also heard the submission of the Deputy Director & Public Information Officer of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong, Smti T.M.Pyngrope and also perused her written show cause submitted before the Commission.

The Commission perused the Appeal and the original RTI application of the appellant. Out of 13(thirteen) items asked by the Appellant only one item i.e. item No.10 was furnished by the PIO after 28 days from the date of statutory period of 30 days.

Both the Respondents tendered their apology before the Commission for their delaying in furnishing the information to the Appellant and assured the Commission that such delay would not happened again in future.

The Commission during the hearing examined the original RTI application which had 13 requests for information and found that the PIO could have replied within the statutory period to the Appellant. Most of the items for which requests for information were made were about the recommendations, suggestions, assessment reports, cost of the project, etc.

Since the PIO tendered an apology before the Commission, and since this is the first time such failure occurred on the part of the PIO the Commission restrains itself from imposing a penalty on the PIO. The Commission cautions the PIO to strictly adhere to the RTI Act and not to repeat the same in future.

The Commission hereby directs the Respondent-PIO and the First Appellate Authority to furnish information on the rest of the items to the Appellant within a period of 1(one) week from the date of this order. Wherever information is not available this must be clearly stated along with the reason for such unavailability. Wherever the information is in the primary custody of another public authority the PIO shall forward the application to the concern public authority for action and also inform the Appellant accordingly. A copy of such information provided and action taken by the PIO shall also be sent to the Commission.

Case disposed off.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**

**No. MIC/Appeal/2/2017/**

Shri Mantiphrang Lyngdoh Kiri, West Jaintia Hills - Appellant

-Vrs-

FAA & Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lumjingshai, Shillong }  
PIO & Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lumjingshai, Shillong } Respondents

**29-5-2017**

**ORDER**

Seen the written submission vide letter **No.MeECL/CA/US-I/PIO/365/2016-17/87 dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**, submitted by the Respondent-PIO & Under Secretary, Corporate Affairs, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Ltd, Lumjingshai, Shillong, in response to the order passed by the Commission dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

**Facts:**

The Appellant submitted a request for information under the RTI Act, 2005, to the PIO, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL), Shillong on 19-11-2016, for information relating to advertisement No.MECL/RC/CA/137/2011/2 dated 15-06-11 concerning recruitment to the post of Jugali, on the following points:

1. Detailed vacancy position of the posts of Jugali.
2. Notified copy of the result of Jugali.
3. Name of the interviewers who conducted the personal interview.
4. Clear Xerox copies of the score sheets of the physical tests.
5. Clear Xerox copies of the score sheets of the personal interview as used by the interviewers who were conducting the personal interview.
6. Clear Xerox copies of the list of candidates as per recommendation of the Selection Committee.
7. The xerox copy of compilation sheet of the marks for the physical test and personal interview compiled together if such compilation has been done.

The PIO MeECL replied on 6-12-16 giving information on points No. 1, 2 & 3. The PIO gave partial information on the request regarding points No. 4, 5 & 7 and stated that she could not give information on point No. 6 as it was a third party information.

The Appellant filed an Appeal with the DAA against the decision of the PIO, on 14-12-16.

The Joint Secretary, Corporate Affairs, MeECL, who is the DAA, decided on 05-01-17 that marks of other candidates in the physical test and personal interview (as requested on the points No.4, 5 & 7) could not be given, citing such as third party information. The DAA stated that the information relating to point No. 6 was available on the website of the MeECL. This decision of the DAA was conveyed to the Appellant on 06-01-17 by the PIO.

**Appeal:**

The Appellant requests the Commission to direct the Respondent-PIO to provide the complete information as requested vide points No.4,5,& 7. He further pointed out that the reply of the PIO and the DAA on point No. 6 are contradictory to each other as the PIO has stated her inability to provide information citing requirement of third party permission while the DAA had stated that the information is on the website.

**Proceedings:**

The Respondent-PIO in her written submission dated 25-04-17 in response to the Commission's order dated 24-04-17, against point No. 4, 5, 6 & 7 as desired by the appellant gave the following response wherein she also provided the principles and procedures for conducting the recruitment for the post of Jugali:- (1) *Serial 4 – “Clear Xerox copies of the score sheets of the physical tests”.*

***Reply to Point No. 4:- Extract copy of score sheet of the physical test obtained by the Appellant enclosed.(Score sheets of other candidates require third party concern at per RTI Act)***

(2) *Serial 5 – “Clear Xerox copies of the score sheets of the personal interview as used by the interviewers who were conducting the personal interview”*

***Reply to Point No.5:- Same as 4 above.***

(3) Serial 6 – “Clear Xerox copies of the list of candidates per recommendation of the Selection Committee”

**Reply to Point No. 6:- Notification enclosed.**

(4) Serial 7 – “If the marks for the physical test and personal interview compiled together in a compilation sheet? Yes/No. If yes, please provide me with the clear Xerox copies of the compilation sheet”

**Reply to Point No. 7:- Same as 4 above.**

***Principles and Procedures:***

1. Advertisement for the post of Jugali was circulated.
2. Eligible candidates as per the prescribed criteria of the MeSEB SRs 1996 are entertained and called for interview.
3. The interview for the eligible candidates involve the physical test and personal interview.
4. Having corresponded for aid with the sports officials in the State Govt., the physical test was conducted for which the 800 meters race for the eligible candidates took place against the clock timing set for qualification of the same and on its basis the marking was done.
5. The personal interview for the qualified candidates was conducted on their skills allotted column wise as per score sheet which is compulsory for line staff and on its basis marking was done.
6. The marking in the score sheet as enclosed is the marks obtained in the physical test that is 25 and personal interview that is 75 the total of which is out of 100.

The PIO has stated that the information at points No.4, 5 and 7 cannot be given as all three require third party consent.

1. Both the PIO and the DAA have cited the necessity of third party permission in providing full information on points No.4, 5 & 7. However, there is no record of the PIO taking any steps to obtain third party consent vide section 11 of the RTI Act. **The PIO as well as the DAA have assumed the absence of third party consent. Such liberty to assume has no provision in the Act.**

Section 8 (1) (d) of the Act allows exemption from disclosure if such disclosure “would harm the competitive position of a third party”. Neither the PIO nor the DAA have recorded or stated any reason which would justify an argument that the competitive position of any third party would be harmed by providing the information asked for.

Since the competition has been carried out and result declared and such results cannot be amended other than in exceptional circumstances, the detailed reasons for which would have to be recorded, any possibility of the competitive position being harmed also does not stand to reason.

**Both the PIO and the DAA have failed to show any evidence of careful examination to determine whether the information could justifiably be treated as information exempted from disclosure under section 8(1)(d).**

(a) The Act defines “**third party**” as a person other than the citizen making the request for information and includes a public authority. This shows that while the applicant and the respondent public authority who has ownership of the information cannot be considered as “third party”, another public authority which has provided information to the respondent public authority can be considered as “third party”.

The information asked by the appellant under point 4, 5 and 7 are as follows:

Point 4: Clear Xerox copies of the score sheet of the physical sheet of the physical tests.

Point 5: Clear Xerox copies of the score sheets of the personal interview as used by the interviewer who were conducting the personal interview.

Point 7: Marks for the physical test and interview compiled together.

On going through the records and the statements made by the PIO it is clear that the information under points nos.4, 5 and 7, i.e. the score sheets, the marks obtained, and the marks compiled together, have been generated by the Public Authority while carrying out the process for recruitment to the posts of Jugali. The information was not provided by the candidates to the Public Authority which carried out the recruitment process nor was it provided by any other party. Rather the information was generated at various stages of the recruitment process by the Public Authority itself.

This information had to be generated by the Public Authority in order to complete its work of recruitment and is essential to the Public Authority in completing the stated objective of recruiting personnel for the specified posts.

The information generated therefore belongs to the Public Authority and not to any other entity or candidate for recruitment or to any examiner or interviewer. It can therefore not be interpreted as information which belongs to a third party.

- (b) The second point which needs to be considered is whether the score sheets as used by the interviewers is information which belongs to a third party.

The interviews were conducted by panels consisting of officials. These officials are not separate entities but instruments of the Public Authority for carrying out the recruitment process and are therefore generating the information in the form of marks or grades or points given to each candidate. The information generated therefore does not belong to the interviewer but rather to the Public Authority which has designated them to carry out the work of interviewing the candidates. The interviewers are therefore not a third party but rather, instruments or agents employed by the Respondent Public Authority and are therefore a part of the Respondent Public Authority and cannot be considered as third party. The information thus generated belongs to the Public Authority.

2. There is however another issue which comes up here, and that is the issue of whether there is a fiduciary relationship between the member of the interview panel and the recruiting authority.

Even though the interviewer may be an employee of the Respondent Public Authority there is always an understanding, even when unstated, that the interviewer is doing a work which is confidential and the interviewer is not expected to disclose the outcome of the interview to anyone other than the Public Authority which is carrying out the recruitment process. At the same time it is also normally understood, even if unstated, that the recruiting authority keeps the names of the persons on the interview panel confidential as the members of the panel are not supposed to be influenced in favour of, or against, any candidate and the interviewer is expected to make an objective, fair and un-biased assessment of each candidate. In order for the interviewer to be able to work without fear or favour it is also understood, even if unstated, that the assessment, the interviewer has made as a member of a panel, should not be disclosed. There is therefore, a fiduciary relationship between the public authority carrying out the



recruitment process and each member of the interview panel, each of whom is doing the work of interviewing on behalf of the public authority which is conducting the recruitment process with the clear understanding which has developed from the manner in which recruitment processes are carried out by the Central and State Governments in the country and by the Agency and Subsidiaries, that the tests and/or interviews carried out are done so in an environment of trust between the recruiting authority and the examiner or interviewer. The Recruiting Authority trusts that the examiner/interviewer will perform the work without any favour or bias. Such trust develops as a result of the competence of the person engaged as an examiner/interviewer and the reputation such person acquires over a period of time, leading the Recruiting Authority to believe that the person so entrusted with the duty of assessing the candidates will do so fairly, objectively and justly. The person engaged as an examiner/interviewer also does his/her duty with confidence knowing (and this knowledge comes from the manner in which such process are carried out) that the marks or assessments made by the examiner/interviewer will be kept confidential in that the assessments of marks will not be associated with the person making such assessment or awarding such marks. This atmosphere of trust under which such processes are carried out enables the examiner/interviewer to carry out his/her duty with confidence in the knowledge that the assessment made by him/her to each candidate will not be disclosed.

3. In requesting for copies of the interview score sheet as used by the interviewer, another question comes into consideration, and that is, whether any public interest is served in providing the information.

(i) The Delhi High Court in WP(C) No 17583/2006; UPSC-vrs- Central Information Commission and Ors, in the case where an appellant had sought access to a copy of model answer had stated, **“With respect to the disclosure of the model answer to the question, I am of the view that though the UPSC had some rights over them, the disclosure would be in larger public interest. Candidates have the rights to know where they went wrong. One sure way of informing them in this regard is by disclosing the model answer”**. Enabling the Appellant to examine and assess his own performance in the interview can be beneficial toward his understanding of how he can improve his performance.

(ii) Providing the information in a general manner can contribute towards enabling all candidates to similarly examine their own performances and improving their own performances.

4. The Appellant has also requested another piece of information at the point 6 of his application. This is information relates to the list of candidates recommended by the selection committee. The PIO has not stated any objection to providing this information and the same has also been given to the Commission.

**Decision:**

After considering all the arguments made by the Appellant and the Respondent Public Authority and various decisions made in other cases viz., (i) the CIC decision in the case of Teresa Irish vrs CPIO, Postal Circle, Trivandrum (Appeal No.ICPB/A-2/CIC/2006 dated 6-2-2006) and

(ii) the MSIC decision in the case of Lamsalanki Pariat vrs Meghalaya Public Service Commission, (No.MIC/Appeal/5/2009/17 of 05-03-2009) on similar issues under consideration in this Appeal, this Commission decides as follows:-

- (1) The Respondent Public Authority, that is, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited, hereinafter referred to as MeECL, shall provide the information as requested by the Appellant under points 4 & 5, that is, clear photo copies of the score sheets of the physical test and the interview. **While the score sheets for the interview may be given according to the pattern of marks given by each interviewer this information shall be so given without disclosing the names of the interviewers.**
- (2) The MeECL shall provide a copy of the complete combined score sheet to the Appellant, showing the marks obtained by all the candidates in the form as produced before the Commission, in response to point No.7 of the application. The complete combined score sheet shall show the marks obtained by each candidate.
- (3) The MeECL shall provide to the Appellant the list of candidates recommended for appointment as requested by the Appellant in point No.6 of his application. The information should also be placed in the website of MeECL, as stated by the DAA in his decision dated 05/01/2017.

- (4) The MeECL shall provided the above information to the Appellant and place the relevant information on its website within **15 days** of the date of issue of this order.

Further the Commission instructs the PIO and the DAA of the MeECL that matters raising the possibility of third party should be considered carefully and examined vide section 8(1)(d) of the Act. When disclosure is deemed not to fall as information exempted from disclosure under section 8(1)(d) then the procedure vide section 11 should be undertaken before a decision is taken.

With this direction the case is disposed off.

Fix **20<sup>th</sup> June 2017** for compliance.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**

**No. MIC/Complaint/25/2017/10**

Dr Philetus Marak, Upper Rongkhon, West Garo Hills - Complainant  
-Vrs-

1. APIO & S.E.(Cicil), Ganol SHP MePGCL, Tura  
2. DAA & Director (Generation) MePGCL, Shillong } Respondents

**27-07-2017**

**O R D E R**

Seen and perused letter **No. ACE/C/GaSHP/T-7/2017/244 dated 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**, received from the Additional Chief Engineer (C), Ganol SHP, MePGCL, Tura, Shri H.W.Lyngdoh Mawnai. In response to the Commission's order **No. MIC/Complaint/25/2017/6 dated 04-07-2017**, wherein he clarified that as per notified list of PIOs & DAAs of MeECL, the Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA) Ganol SHP MePGCL, West Garo Hills, Tura, Meghalaya, is Director (Generation), MePGCL, Shillong and not the Addl., Chief Engineer (C), Ganol SHP, MePGCL, Tura.

The brief of the case is that, Dr Philetus Marak, had filed an RTI application to the APIO & Superintending Engineer, Ganol Small Hydro Power Project, Camp Rongkhon, Tura on **9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**. The APIO on **18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017** vide letter **No.SE/C/GaSHP/T-30/2016/2973**, asked the complainant to deposit a Demand Draft in of ₹1700/- (Rupees one thousand seven hundred) only in favour of the Chief Accounts Officer, MeECL, Shillong, as charges for photo copying the documents containing the information sought for.

The complainant has alleged that he went to the office of the APIO three times (i.e on **22<sup>nd</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> May, and 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**) to enquire about the matter before depositing the money, but he could not meet the APIO and hence this instant complaint.

The Commission hereby directs the Director (Generation), MePGCL, Shillong to take up the complaint as an Appeal and dispose of the case accordingly and to inform the Commission of the decision.

The complainant shall be at liberty to make a further appeal to the Commission if he is not satisfied with the decision of the Departmental Appellate Authority.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**

**No.MIC/Appeal/09/2016/80**

Shri Chandra Sekhar Sarmah, Ulubari, Guwahati - Appellant

- Vrs -

PIO, & Dy., Director of School Education & Literacy, Shillong - Respondent

**31-08-2017**

**O R D E R**

Case record on call.

The brief of the case is that, Shri Chandra Sekhar Sarmah, filed an RTI application to the PIO, Education Department, Govt., of Meghalaya, Shillong, on **6<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**, on matters relating to Delhi Public School, Khanapara, Meghalaya. On **18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**, the PIO, Education Department forwarded the RTI application to the PIO of the Directorate of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong. On **14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**, the Director, School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong, replied directly to the applicant and enclosing a copy of the letter dated **26-9-2016**, which had been received from the Principal, Delhi Public School, Khanapara, Meghalaya regarding his original RTI application dated **6<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**. The Appellant, on **25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**, filed an appeal before the Commission and the Commission vide letter **No.MIC/Appeal/09/2016/11 dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**, informed the Appellant that the information as requested by the Appellant did not conform to the provisions provided under the RTI Act, 2005 and that the same was out of its ambit. Hence the Appeal was rejected.

The Central Information Commission had, in another case, decided that Delhi Public School (DPS), Khanapara, Killing, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya, was not a Public Authority as defined under the RTI Act and hence the Complainant had no legally enforceable right under the RTI (Case **No.CIC/SG/C/2009/00167/6640**, dated **01-02-2010**). Education Department had not yet given any information whether the DPS, Khanapara is controlled by the State Government, or substantially financed directly by funds given by the Government and whether DPS, Khanapara is a Public Authority.

The Commission vide order dated 27-7-2017 directed the PIO office of the Directorate School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong to report on the status of the School – whether it is a Public Authority, by **11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**.

In compliance with the Order of the Commission, the PIO office of the Directorate School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong, vide letter **No.DSEL/SEC-NG/RTI/3/2015/113** dated **10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**, stated that according to the report submitted by the District School Education Officer, Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District:-

- (1) The D.P.S. Khanapara, Killing, Meghalaya is run jointly by the Delhi Public School Society, New Delhi and Gyan Jyoti Education Foundation, Guwahati, and that Delhi Public School, Khanapara is neither under the control of nor substantially financed by the State Government.
- (2) The order passed by the Central Information Commission, New Delhi vide order **No.CIC/SG/C/2009/00167/6640**, dated **01-02-2010**, states that Delhi Public School Society, New Delhi, does not fall within the purview of Public Authority under the RTI Act, 2005.

It is clear that the Delhi Public School, Khanapara is not a Public Authority as defined on Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the circumstances stated the Appeal is dismissed.

**( P.B.O.Warjri )**  
**C.I.C.**

**No. MIC/Appeal/7/2017/53**

Smti Ibamut Gayang, Nongumlong, Umlyngka, Shillong - Appellant

-Vrs-

1. DAA & Joint Secretary, K.H.A.D.C., Shillong 2. PIO of Sohra Syiemship, Sohra, East Khasi Hills	}	Respondents
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**19-9-2017**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Appellant, Smti Ibamut Gayang is absent as she is un-well. However, she has authorized Shri Brawell Rynjah to represent her during the hearing. Prayer allowed. The Public Information Officer (PIO) of Sohra Syiemship, Sohra, East Khasi, Shri K.Basaiawmoit is present.

The brief of the case is that, the appellant had filed an RTI application to the PIO of Sohra Syiemship, Sohra, East Khasi Hills on **21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016**, on numerous information totaling 31 items. However, the Appellant alleged that after a period of 30 days had lapsed no reply was received from the PIO of Sohra Syiemship, Sohra, East Khasi Hills. On **1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016**, the Appellant preferred a First Appeal before the Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA) & Joint Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), Shillong. Several hearings were held in the office chamber of the DAA and the final hearing was held on **23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017** and the order was passed on **7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**.

The Appellant, not satisfied with the information furnished by the PIO of Sohra Syiemship, Sohra, East Khasi Hills through the Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA), Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), Shillong, preferred a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal.

During the hearing the Appellant has submitted that there are some items the replies to which he is not satisfied, viz items **3, 4, 7, 17, 18 and 22**.

The Commission had asked the Respondent-PIO to provide a show cause why the complete information should not be given to the Appellant.

The Respondent-PIO of Sohra Syiemship, Shri K. Basaiawmoit in his submission informed the Commission that he had resigned as Public Information Officer of Sohra Syiemship since 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017. The Executive Dorbar of the Sohra Syiemship

had elected Shri Ethelbert Sawian to be a new Public Information Officer and sent to the Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong and no reply was received from the K.H.A.D.C., a reminder was sent on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to take necessary steps but till date no reply was received from the K.H.A.D.C., Shillong.

The Commission is of the view that any delay in forwarding the appointment of the PIO cannot be a sufficient valid ground for not giving the information which is required under the Act.

The Commission assumes that the K.H.A.D.C., Shillong has accepted the resignation letter and that the new Public Information Officer has been appointed, and he must take action to provide the information as requested by the Appellant.

If there is any reason that the PIO cannot give the information he must indicate the grounds as provided in the RTI Act and must state the reasons why he cannot provide the information, to the Appellant. If the information asked for does not fall under the exempted categories specified in the RTI Act then he is obligated to provide the information requested for.

The Commission directs the newly appointed Public Information Officer to provide the information to the Appellant free of cost on or before the **3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017** with intimation to the Commission.

The Appellant is at liberty to come to the Commission, if she is not satisfied with the information furnished by the PIO.

The case is disposed off.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**



**No. MIC/Complaint/23/2017/20**

Shri J.Donbor Dkhar, East Khasi Hills

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Complainant

-Vrs-

PIO, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), East Khasi Hills  
DAA & Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Shillong

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Respondents

**ORDER**

**19-09-2017** Case records put up today.

The complainant, Shri J.Donbor Dkhar is present. The Asstt., Public Information Officer, office of the Deputy Commissioner, (Revenue), East Khasi Hills District, Shri R.Wahlang is present.

The brief of the case is that, Shri J.Donbor Dkhar, had filed an RTI application to the PIO, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), East Khasi Hills. On 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, the Extra Assistant Commissioner (Rev), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, vide letter No. L.14/5(18)2013/85 had transferred the RTI application to (1) The Joint Secretary, Govt., of Meghalaya, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, (2) The Additional Director of Survey, Meghalaya, Shillong to furnish the required documents/information as sought for to the concerned person, with a copy to the concerned person Shri J.Dondor Dkhar.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, the Extra Assistant Commissioner (Rev), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, vide letter No. L.14/5(18)2013/89, informed the complainant, Shri J.Dondor Dkhar, stating that the information required is not available.

On 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, the Addl. Director of Surveys, Meghalaya, Shillong, vide letter No.SY/G/92/2014-15/123-124, addressed to the Extra Assistant Commissioner (Rev), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong asked the EAC (Rev) East Khasi Hills to refer to office letter No. SY/G/92/2014-15/80 dated 12-04-2012, and endorsed a copy of the letter to (1) the Complainant, Shri J.Dondor Dkhar and (2) the Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Shillong.

However, the complainant is not satisfied with the reply of the PIO and EAC (Rev), East Khasi Hills as the reply was sent before the receipt of letter from

the Addl. Director of Surveys and is not convinced of the correctness of the reply filed a complaint.

The Commission perused the complaint petition submitted by the Complainant and found that no information is available in both the Public Authorities, i.e. Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Revenue Branch, and office of the Director of Land Records, Meghalaya, Shillong.

The Extra Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Branch, office of the Deputy Commissioner, Office, Shillong, Shri R.Wahlang, in his written submission stated that the information requested for is not available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, (Revenue), East Khasi Hills. The application was transferred to the PIO & Joint Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt. of Meghalaya to provide the information if available in the Revenue Department. The Commission on examining the documents, noted that in the application made by the appellant there is mention of the “Map of the Indo-Pakistan Boundary” at item No.6, which was checked by the “Deputy Director Survey, Assam”, and the “Deputy Land Record & Survey, Assam”, from the Indian side on 30.04.06. The designation of the second officer is not apparently correct. The year “06” is also questionable - if it is ‘1906’ then it is wrong as there were no entity by the name of ‘East Pakistan’ then. If it is ‘2006’ it is also wrong since East Pakistan had ceased to exist by then.

The Commission after examining the matter decided, that, as the application had been transferred to the PIO & Joint Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt., of Meghalaya by the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, the PIO & Joint Secretary, Revenue Department shall look into the request made by the Appellant and if the information is available, consider providing the information according to the RTI Act. If the information is in the restricted category then the PIO & Joint Secretary Revenue Department, Govt. of Meghalaya will specify the provisions under RTI Act. His reply to the Appellant is already delayed. He shall reply without any further delay and report compliance to the Commission by **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**.

Case is disposed off.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**

**No. MIC/Appeal/10/2017/55**

Shri S.K.Sharma, Beltola, Guwahati

- Appellant

-Vrs-

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| 1. PIO, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong | } Respondents |
| 2. PIO, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong       |               |

**ORDER**

**4-10-2017** Case records put up today.

The Appellant, Shri S.K.Sharma is absent. The Respondent-PIO & Member-Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Meghalaya, Shri P.S.Nongbri, IFS is present. The Respondent-PIO & Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong, Shri J.H.Nengnong is also present.

The brief of the case is that, Shri S.K.Sharma, had filed an RTI application to the PIO, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong, on **22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017**. The PIO, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong, on **4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017** vide letter **No.SEIAA/GENL/RTI/2016/21/585**, transferred the RTI application to the PIO & Member-Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, 'Arden' Lumpyngngad, Shillong under section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, with a copy to the Appellant. No reply or communication was received by the Appellant from the PIO, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong. The Appellant on **13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**, filed an Appeal before the Departmental Appellate Authority, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong and no information was given to the Appellant. Hence he preferred a Second Appeal.

Heard the Respondent-PIO, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Shillong, Shri P.S.Nongbri and submitted a written reply to the show cause call along with enclosures stating that no negligence was committed by either the PIO or the Appellate Authority, SEIAA, Meghalaya as the RTI applications mentioned in the submission was transferred within the stipulated

time. The question that information should not be provided to the Appellant therefore does not arise.

Heard the Respondent-PIO & Member-Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, 'Arden' Lumpyngngad, Shillong, Shri J.H.Nengnong who also submitted a written reply to the show cause call stating that the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board does not have the records of the information required by the Appellant.

On examination of the documents it is noted that the documents which the Appellant had obtained from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MEFCC), Shillong were documents issued by the Member-Secretary of the SEIAA and the documents are therefore documents issued by the SEIAA.

The Commission took serious note of the fact that the PIO, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), is not aware of documents from his own office and the PIO, SEIAA is given time to check from the records and provide the information to the Appellant with intimation to the Commission by 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The PIO is expected to locate the documents which are in the custody of the SEIAA and belonging to the SEIAA.

Compliance report should be submitted by **10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**. PIO shall provide the information to the Appellant free of cost.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**

**No. MIC/Complaint/33/2017/15**

Shri S.Nongkynrih, Upper Lumparing, Shillong - Complainant

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| 1. PIO, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shillong<br>2. DAA & Secretary, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA) | } | Respondents |
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**4-10-2017**

**ORDER**

Case records put up today.

The Appellant, Shri S.Nongkynrih is present. The PIO, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shillong, Smti W,Syiem is present. The Departmental Appellate Authority, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shillong, Shri E.Kharmalki is also present.

The brief of the case is that, Shri S.Nongkynrih, had filed an RTI application to the PIO office of the Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shillong on **22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017**. The PIO vide letter **No. MUDA/RTI/184/2016-17/21 dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2017**, had furnished the information to the Appellant. Not satisfied with the information the Appellant, on **28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**, filed a First Appeal to the Departmental Appellate Authority, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shillong. The Departmental Appellate Authority, M.U.D.A., Shillong, on **26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**, vide letter **No. MUDA/RTI/184/2016-17/27**, furnished modified replies of information to the Appellant. However, not satisfied with the information furnished by the Departmental Appellant Authority, M.U.D.A., Shillong he filed a Second Appeal before the Commission.

Heard the Respondent-PIO, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shillong, Smti W,Syiem and the First Appellate Authority, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shillong, Shri E.Kharmalki. During the hearing both the Respondent-PIO and the First Appellate Authority stated that whatever

information asked by the Appellant and available with MUDA has been furnished to the Appellant.

Regarding question of whether there was agreement by the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council (JHADC), and the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), as asked by the Appellant, the Respondent-PIO stated that there is no clear cut specific agreement by the Autonomous District Councils to implement Town & Country Planning Act, 1973. She informed the Commission that the CEMs of Autonomous District Councils are members of the MUDA Board and so the decisions of the MUDA are made with the knowledge and in consultation with the Autonomous District Councils.

The MUDA has attempted to shed further light on the question by informing the Appellant the views and comments from the public as well as from the ADCs was invited before the master plan was finalized. There was no comment or objection then from any of the Autonomous District Councils.

The point which needs to be examined is whether the Respondent-PIO, MUDA has withheld any of the information requested by the Appellant.

The documents and the replies during the hearing show that the Respondent-PIO has provided all the information available with the MUDA and cannot provide any further details on the points of information requested by the Appellant. It is clear that the Respondent-PIO, MUDA, Shillong has not withheld any other information which is expected to, or should reasonably, be in her possession.

In the discussion, and after the explanation the Appellant is satisfied with the clarification given by the Respondent-PIO.

Case disposed off.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**

**No. MIC/Complaint/53/2017/5**

Shri Ebrayan Nongmin, Nongkulang, South West Khasi Hills - Complainant

-Vrs-

PIO o/o the Deputy Commissioner South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat -  
Respondent

**6-12-2017**

**O R D E R**

Seen complaint letter No. Nil dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, received from one Shri Ebrayan Nongmin, Nongkulang, South West Khasi Hills.

The brief of the case is that, Shri Ebrayan Nongmin had filed an RTI application to the PIO office of the Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The complainant alleged that till filing of this complaint no response has been received from the PIO. Hence this instant complaint.

The Commission after perusing and examining the complaint hereby directs the First Appellate Authority & Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat to take up the complaint as an Appeal and dispose off the case with intimation to the Commission within 30 (thirty) days.

The complainant is at liberty to make a further appeal to the Commission if he is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority.

**(P.B.O.Warjri)**  
**C.I.C.**

## **Chapter 6**

### **Implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in the State during 2017**

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

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

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

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

During the year 2017 a total number of 5219 requests were received by the Public Information Officers of those public authorities who have so far furnished their reports. 12 number of requests were carried over from the previous year, hence the total number of requests available with the PIOs for disposal is 5231. Out of these, 5150 requests were disposed of by the PIOs during the year which is about 98.45 %. The remaining requests have been carried over to the next year for disposal. The total number of requests rejected and deemed to have refused by the PIOs were



81 which is approximately about 1.55 % from the total number of requests received in the year 2017 by the PIOs.

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

Reporting Year: 2017

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.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	27	27	27	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Directorate.of Arts & Culture	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
3	<b>AH&amp;Vety.</b>							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Directorate.of AH&Vety.	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>							
	SecretariatvDeptt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	23	23	23	0	0	0
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>							
	Secreatariat Deptt.	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
7	<b>C &amp; R D</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of C & R D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, Ribhoi District,	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Nongpoh							
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	<b>Cooperation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSHF Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	0	5	5	3	2	0	0
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	29	29	29	0	0	0

	JHADC	3	65	68	65	0	3	0
	GHADC	0	30	30	14	0	16	0
10	<b>Education</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	191	191	191	0	0	0
	DERT	0	15	15	14	1	0	0
	MBOSE	0	4	4	4	0		0
	DSEL	0	30	30	29	0	1	0
11	<b>Elections</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
12	<b>ERTS</b>							
	Secretariat. Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	34	34	34	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	<b>Finance</b>							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Department	0	3	3	2	0	1	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Finance (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>							
	Sectt. Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	39	39	39	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	0	35	35	35	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Env.)	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	0	70	70	70	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
16	<b>Fisheries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
17	<b>GAD</b>							
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	0	490	490	483	7	0	0
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	9	9	8	0	1	0
	Director General of Prisons	0	24	24	24	0	0	0
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	<b>Health &amp; F.W.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	21	21	21	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
23	<b>Housing</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	<b>Commerce &amp; Industries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	MIDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MCCL	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	MKVIB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MHHDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
26	<b>Information Technology &amp; Communication</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
27	<b>Law</b>							
	Law (A)	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	45	45	45	0	0	0
28	<b>Labour</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	4	4	4	0	0	0

	Office of the Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	16	16	15	1	0	0
30	<b>Planning</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate.of Economics & Statistics	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	MEDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	1	1	2	1	0	1	0
	Planning (Research)	2	4	6	4	0	2	0
31	<b>Personnel</b>							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	17	17	16	0	1	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	98	98	97	0	1	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	34	34	29	0	5	0
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	44	44	44	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	14	14	13	1	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	115	115	115	0	0	0
	DC East Garo Hills	0	24	24	24	0	0	0
	DC South Garo Hills	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	MPSC	0	70	70	65	5	0	0
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	MATI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	7	7	7	0	0	0

	Commissioner of Division, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Sohra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Amlarem	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	<b>Political</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
33	<b>PHE</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	28	28	28	0	0	0
34	<b>Power</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy	1	37	38	36	0	2	0



	Corporation Limited							
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
36	<b>P.W.D.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	31	31	31	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	27	27	27	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	<b>Revenue &amp; Disaster Management</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
40	<b>SAD</b>							
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	21	21	21	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	0	3	3	3	0	0	0

	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water	0	24	24	24	0	0	0
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
45	<b>Transport</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.							
	Commissioner of Transport	0	39	39	39	0	0	0
	MTC							
	Secretary State Transport Authority	0	7	7	7	0	0	0

	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	241	241	241	0	0	0
46	<b>Tourism</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	1	19	20	15	0	5	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	16	16	16	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board							
	MUDA	0	36	36	36	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board							
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	0	2306	2306	2306	0	0	0
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	2	86	88	66	0	22	0
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	1	116	117	115	0	2	0
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan,</b>	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	<b>Water Resources</b>	0	11	11	11	0	0	0

	Department							
54	Prisons Department	0	9	9	8	0	1	0
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5219</b>	<b>5231</b>	<b>5150</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1.55 %</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**

Year	Total no. of requests	No. of requests disposed	No. of requests rejected
2006	310	291	28
2007	537	492	10
2008	360	335	2
2009	676	652	4
2010	836	816	4
2011	1074	1051	7
2012	1289	1231	16
2013	1625	1546	30
2014	1816	1770	23
2015	2663	2601	6
2016	2132	2049	1
2017	5231	5150	81

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

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

During the year 2017, **236** 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: 2017)

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.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	<b>A.H.&amp;Vety.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH&Vety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	23	23	23	0	0	0
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of C&RD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director,	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Ribhoi District, Nongpoh							
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	<b>Cooperation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSHF Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	JHADC	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	GHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	<b>Education</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	15	15	14	1	6.7%	0
	DERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DSEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	<b>Elections</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	<b>ERTS</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	28	28	28	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	01	0	0	0	0
13	<b>Finance</b>							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	(Establishment) Deptt.							
	Finance (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	2	2	4	4	0	0	0
15	<b>Forests &amp; Envir.</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	<b>Fisheries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	<b>GAD</b>							
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>							



	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Director General of Prisons	1	1	2	1	1	50%	0
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	<b>Housing</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	<b>Commerce &amp; Industries</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	MIDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MCCL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MKVIB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MHHDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	<b>Information Technology &amp; Communication</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	<b>Law</b>							
	Law (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	<b>Labour</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Governance							
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	<b>Personnel</b>							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC East Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MPSC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MATI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC East Jaintia Hills District , Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Division Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Sohra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Amlarem	0	3	3	3	0	0	0

	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	<b>Political</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	<b>PHE</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	14	14	14	0	0	Nil
34	<b>Power</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	0	32	32	32	0	0	0
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	<b>PWD</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Corporation Ltd.							
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	<b>Revenue &amp; Disaster Management</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	<b>SAD</b>							
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & Y.A.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection							
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	0	24	24	24	0	0	0
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture and Weaving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	<b>Transport</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport							
	MTC							
	Secretary State Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
46	<b>Tourism</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MUDA	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

	Tura Municipal Board							
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	<b>Chief Judicial Magistrate</b>	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.84%</b>	<b>0</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 twelve 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	0
2009	39	39	0
2010	42	36	6
2011	94	94	Nil
2012	118	117	1 no. carried over
2013	78	66	No. of disposals include pending ones of the previous year
2014	123	120	
2015	122	131	
2016	112	154	
2017	239	237	2

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

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

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

**Table 7.4.1** **Reporting Year: 2017**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of Department/ Public Authorities</b>	<b>Total No. of requests rejected</b>	<b>No. of requests rejected Section 8</b>	<b>No. of requests rejected Section 9</b>	<b>No. of requests rejected Section 11</b>	<b>No. of requests rejected Section 24</b>	<b>No. of requests rejected Other Sections</b>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	<b>Agriculture</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0



	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	<b>AH&amp;Vety.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH&Vety.	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of C&RD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	<b>Cooperation</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Cooperative Societies						
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Apex Handloom Weavers & Handicrafts	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperarive Apex Bank Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	<b>District Council Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	JHADC	3	3	0	0	0	0
	GHADC	16	12	0	0	0	4
10	<b>Education</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DERT	1	0	0	0	0	1
	MBOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DSEL	1	1	0	0	0	0
11	<b>Election</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	<b>ERTS</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Meghalaya State Lottery						
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	<b>Finance</b>						
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Department	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Finance (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research &	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Training)						
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	<b>Fisheries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	<b>GAD</b>						
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	7	4	0	0	0	3
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Director General of Prisons	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	<b>Housing</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	<b>Commerce &amp; Industries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce &	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Industries						
	MIDC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MCCL	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MKVIB	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MHHDC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	<b>Information Technology &amp; Communication</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	<b>Law</b>						
	Law (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	<b>Labour</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>						
	Secretariat Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	1	1	0	0	0	0
30	<b>Planning</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MEDC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment,	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council,	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	2	2	0	0	0	0
31	<b>Personnel</b>						
	Personnel & AR (A)	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	1	1	0	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	5	4	0	0	0	1
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	1	1	0	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC East Garo	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Hills						
	DC South Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MPSC	5	0	0	0	0	5
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MATI	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Sohra	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Amlarem	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	<b>Political</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	<b>PHE</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	<b>Power</b>						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector Inspectorate of	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Electricity, Shillong						
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	2	2	0	0	0	0
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	<b>PWD</b>						
	Secretariat.Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	<b>Parliamentary Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Dett.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	<b>Meghalaya Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	<b>Revenue &amp; Disaster Management</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dte.Land Records & Survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	<b>SAD</b>						
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth</b>						



	<b>Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Social Welfare Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Handloom Officer, Jowai						
45	<b>Transport</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	<b>Tourism</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	5	5	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MUDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	22	22	0	0	0	0
	<b>Chief Judicial</b>	2	2	0	0	0	0

	<b>Magistrate</b>						
51	<b>Governor's Secretariat Raj Bhavan, Shillong</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	<b>Meghalaya State Information Commission</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

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

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

A total of ₹ 86,844/- was collected by the Public Information Officers/Public Authorities in the form of fees and charges during 2017. Out of this ₹ 6,866/- was collected under Section 4(4), being the cost of the printed materials in which form the information was provided; ₹ 17,494/- is the total amount of application fees collected under Section 6(1); ₹ 44,438/- was collected under Section 7(1) being the cost of the photo copies made; ₹ 12,229/- was collected under section 7(5) being the cost of information provided in electronic format and ₹5,817/- 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 &amp; Charges collected by Public Authorities

Reporting Year : 2017

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	200	2418	Nil	Nil	2618
	Directorate of Horticulture	Nil	30	412	Nil	Nil	442
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
3	<b>AH&amp;Vety.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	40
	Directorate of AH&Vety	Nil	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	40
4	<b>Border Areas Development</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of BAD	330	60	834	Nil	Nil	1224
5	<b>C.M.Secretariat</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	210	Nil	Nil	Nil	210
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	50	11965	Nil	Nil	12015
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of C&RD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	<b>Cooperation</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	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	50	Nil	Nil	Nil	50
	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	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	KHADC	Nil	290	3066	50	Nil	3406
	JHADC	Nil	660	3168	Nil	Nil	3828
	GHADC	Nil	150	18	Nil	Nil	168

10	<b>Education</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHTE	Nil	638	1667	Nil	Nil	2305
	DERT	Nil	80	294	Nil	Nil	374
	MBOSE	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DSEL	Nil	290	1322	Nil	Nil	1612
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.	Nil	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	50
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil	300	122	Nil	Nil	422
	Commissioner of Excise	72	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	102
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	646	456	508	436	Nil	2046
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	28	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	28
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	<b>Finance</b>						
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40
	Directorate of Local Accounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Directorate of Small Savings	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
	Finance (PR) Department	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	Finance (Establishment) Department	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	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.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	Nil	250	366	1356	Nil	1972
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.						
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Nil	220	380	Nil	Nil	600
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Nil	230	802	Nil	Nil	1032
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
16	<b>Fisheries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Fisheries	20	153	Nil	Nil	100	273
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	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GAD (B)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	GAD (A)						
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	74	120	Nil	Nil	Nil	194
	Director General of Police	Nil	1070	Nil	Nil	50	1120
19	<b>Home Guards &amp; Civil Defence</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
20	<b>Home (Jails)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40

	Director General of Prisons	Nil	150	Nil	Nil	Nil	150
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	Nil	50
	DHS (MI)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DHS (MCH & FW)	30	46	Nil	Nil	Nil	76
	DHS (R)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	<b>Housing</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Housing	316	10	Nil	Nil	25	351
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24	<b>Commerce &amp; Industries</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Nil	110	464	Nil	Nil	574
	MIDC	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	MCCL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MKVIB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MHHDC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MBCC	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	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
26	<b>Information Technology &amp; Communication</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	<b>Law</b>						
	Law (A)	Nil	90	8	Nil	Nil	98
	Law (B)	Nil	110	290			400
28	<b>Labour</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	176	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	216
	O/o Administrative Medical Officer, Employees State Insurance Scheme	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	Nil	50



	Factories						
	Labour Commissioner	140	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	140
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	70	Nil	Nil	308	378
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Nil	259	Nil	Nil	3971	4230
30	<b>Planning</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	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	40	Nil	Nil	40
	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	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	Officer						
	Planning (Research)	Nil	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	60
31	<b>Personnel</b>						
	Personnel & AR (A)	Nil	110	Nil	396	Nil	506
	Personnel & AR (B)	Nil	Nil	2030	Nil	Nil	2030
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	254	2978	4382	3052	88	10754
	DC Ribhoi District	Nil	340	344	Nil	Nil	684
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Nil	190	1944	Nil	Nil	2134
	DC West Khasi Hills	44	406	368	Nil	Nil	818
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	777	1060	Nil	Nil	Nil	1837
	DC East Garo Hills	Nil	240	Nil	Nil	Nil	240
	DC South Garo Hills	Nil	50	Nil	276	Nil	326
	MPSC	Nil	Nil	150	322	Nil	472
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	2	Nil	12
	MATI	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	Nil	10	50	Nil	Nil	60
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	291	80	Nil	Nil	Nil	371
	DC North Garo Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Mairang	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Amlarem	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SDO (C) Pynursla	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	SDO (C) Chokpot	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	Nil	Nil	40
33	<b>PHE</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Chief Engineer	40	180	960	Nil	12	1192
34	<b>Power</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	MSERC	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	MNREDA	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	140	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	150
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	60
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Nil	10	10	Nil	Nil	20
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	130	194	Nil	100	Nil	424
35	<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	Nil	10	Nil	5540	Nil	5550
36	<b>PWD</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	40	40	40	Nil	Nil	120
	CE PWD(R)	772	360	650	Nil	813	2595
	CE PWD (NH)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	CE PWD (B)	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	20
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>						
	Secreatariat Deptt.	Nil	120	Nil	Nil	Nil	120
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
40	<b>SAD</b>						
	SAD (A)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (E)	Nil	18	Nil	Nil	Nil	18
	SAD (N)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	SAD (R)	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
41	<b>Sports &amp; Youth Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	36	36	36	Nil	108
	Directorate of Sports & YA	120	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	120
42	<b>Social Welfare</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40
	Directorate of Social Welfare	Nil	120	1056	Nil	Nil	1176
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	State Commission for Women	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Social Welfare Officer	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell	60	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	80
	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	20	100	Nil	Nil	120
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	Nil	240	717	Nil	Nil	957
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Directorate.of Sericulture & Weaving	Nil	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	50
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10	10
45	<b>Transport</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.						
	Commissioner of Transport	Nil	350	1592	Nil	Nil	1942
	MTC						
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	Nil	70	Nil	Nil	Nil	70
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	Nil	2130	200	Nil	290	2620
46	<b>Tourism</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	Directorate of Tourism	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
	MTDC Ltd.	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	30
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	90	162	Nil	Nil	252
	Directorate.of Urban Affairs	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil	110	128	Nil	Nil	238
	Jowai Municipal Board						
	MUDA	Nil	260	1070	Nil	Nil	1330
	Tura Municipal Board						
	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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

	Municipal Board						
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>						
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Controller of Legal Metrology	Nil	210	5	Nil	Nil	215
49	<b>Meghalaya Legislative Assembly</b>	2306	Nil	Nil	Nil	150	2456
50	<b>Meghalaya High Court</b>	Nil	Nil	120	Nil	Nil	120
	<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>	Nil	60	Nil	663	Nil	723
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6866</b>	<b>17494</b>	<b>44438</b>	<b>12229</b>	<b>5817</b>	<b>86844</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 in the following page indicates the names of such public authorities/Departments.

**Table 7.6.1** below shows the names of the Departments and Public Authorities who failed to furnish the requisite information for incorporating the same in the Annual Report 2017.

Sl.No.	Name of the Department	Name of the defaulter Public Authority
1	C & RD Department	Secretariat
		Directorate of C & RD
		Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong
		Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin
		Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh
		Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai
		Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar
		Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara
		Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura
		Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat
		Project Director North Garo Hills,

		Resubelpara
		Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati
2	Finance (Establishment) Department	Directorate.of Local Accounts
		Directorate.of Small Savings
3	Forest & Environment Department	Secretariat
4	Transport Department	Secretariat
		Meghalaya Transport Corporation
5	Urban Affairs Department	Jowai Municipal Board
		Tura Municipal Board
		Baghmara Municipal Board

## Chapter 7

### 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 2017

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	During 2017 record management was started fully computerized.
		All programmes and activities of each scheme have been strictly followed with a review programme every month during the staff meeting.
		Achievement Report both physical and financial was kept in record in hard and soft copy which can be used as when required.
		Awareness on RTI Act has been included as part of the programme during the farmers training programme conducted in the District as to make people aware of their right under RTI Act 2005.
	Directorate of Horticulture	Nil
2	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>	
	Secretariat Department	Efforts have been made by the Department to dispose off the applications received early as possible.
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Under process
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 delay the supply of information to the Applicant, and for that reason



		as appeal has been referred either to the DDA as the State Information Commission during the year.
	Directorate of Border Areas Development	1. Necessary steps have been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act. 2. Schemes/Projects sanctioned have been duly displayed for public information through media networks and Notice Boards in offices.
5	<b>CM Secretariat</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
6	<b>Cabinet Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
7	<b>C&amp;RD</b>	
	Secretariat Dept.	
	Directorate of C&RD	
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh	
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara	
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	
8	<b>Cooperation</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Nil
	Meghalaya State Warehousing	Proper record management process is in place. The Accounts of the corporation, etc. are computerized.

	Corporation	
	MECOFED Ltd.	Steps taken to ensure that all records, information, etc. are alright.
	MSHF	Nil
	Coop.Society Ltd.	
	MSCU Ltd.	Nil
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	1. Annual RTI register has been introduced for record management. 2. Necessary steps for prompt disclosure of information has been taken.
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	Nil
9	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	Nil
	<b>District Council Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	KHADC	Nil
	JHADC	Nil
	GHADC	List of Nokma and it's A.kingland and map under GHADC, Tura dated 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
		The total no. of office staffs under Department Land and Revenue with detail of its individual date of appointment with its salary statement dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2017
		On the settlement of Rongjeng haat 2017-2018 dated 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017
		Establishment cost Land Acquisition for NH and Border Fencing dated 25 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017
		Complete list of the Revenue Statement under the Department Land and Revenue 2002-2003 to 2016-2017 dated 19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017
		List of Officers/Employees with designation, date of appointment and place of posting dated 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
		On the Rural Community Development of the State of Meghalaya dated 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017
		Matters concerning under mouza no.X dated 16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017
10		Matters concerning under mouza no.X dated 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017
		Matters concerning under mouza no.X dated 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017
		Matters concerning under mouza no.X dated 14 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017
		Issued RTI in respect of List of Employees, Designation, Date of Appointment and place of posting.
	<b>Education</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	DHTE	Nil
11	DERT	Updated content with regards to Directorate on Sou muto disclosures.
	MBOSE	Nil
	DSEL	Nil
	<b>Elections</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil

	Deputy Commissioners	Nil
12	<b>ERTS</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Commissioner of Taxes	Nil
	Commissioner of Excise	Nil
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Nil
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	Nil
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	Nil
13	<b>Finance</b>	
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	Nil
	Directorate of Local Accounts	
	Directorate of Small Savings	
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	Nil
	Finance (EC 1) Department	Nil
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	Website of Finance Department – megfinance.gov.in created in compliance with Section 4(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.
	Finance (PR) Department	Nil
	Finance (Establishment) Department	
	Finance (AF)	Nil
	Finance (PC)	Nil
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Necessary step has been taken to provide the information within the stipulated time as per provision of the Act.
	Finance (Budget)	Nil
	Finance (EC II)	Nil
14	<b>Food &amp; Civil Supplies</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	RTI application are disposed off in time.
	Meghalaya State	Nil

	Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	
15	<b>Forest &amp; Envir.</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Prompt response to information requests, storage of data for future reference and uploading of RTI Manual
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	Prompt response to information requests, storage of data for future reference and uploading of RTI Manual
	O/o Addl. PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Prompt response to information requests, storage of data for future reference and uploading of RTI Manual
	O/o CCF (Territorial)	Prompt response to information requests, storage of data for future reference and uploading of RTI Manual
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Prompt response to information requests, storage of data for future reference and uploading of RTI Manual
16	<b>Fisheries</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Fisheries	Nil
17	<b>GAD</b>	
	Office Estate Officer	Nil
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	Nil
	Zila Sainik Welfare	Nil
	GAD (B)	Nil
	GAD (A)	
18	<b>Home (Police)</b>	
	Secretariat Department	Nil
	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.	Nil
	Director General of Prisons	The Department try to furnish the information in time to the applicants and also the Department maintained and entered in the register when the applications were received and disposed off.
21	<b>Home (Passport)</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
22	<b>Health &amp; FW</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	DHS (MI)	Nil

	DHS (MCH & FW)	Nil
	DHS (R)	Nil
23	<b>Housing</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Housing	RTI application of Shri Ankit Bhatia, Centre for Policy Research, Dharma Marg Chanakya Puri, New Delhi forwarded by Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Housing Department.
		RTI Application of Ameen Jauhar, Advocate, Lower Ground Floor, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 110024 forwarded by Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Housing Department.
		RTI Application of Shri Sunil Kathotia Frontier Sales Corporation, Temple Tower, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Opp. News Live, Christian Basti, G.S.Road, Guwahati, Assam.
		RTI Application of Dr. (Shri) Rajeev Sharma, A-364, Defence Colony, New Delhi forwarded by Shri W. Nongsiej, Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission and information furnished by Shri B. Mawlong, MCS Labour Commissioner & Secretary, Meghalaya Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, Shillong.
		RTI Application of Smti A. Kharshiing, Bomfyle Road, Laithumkhrah, Shillong forwarded by Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Housing Department, Shillong.
		RTI Application of Shri R.C. Gupta, former Director, Lok Sabha, Gurgaon forwarded by the Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Housing Department, Shillong.
		RTI Application of Shri E.M. Jose, News Editor the Shillong Times forwarded by the Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Housing 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>Commerce &amp; Industries</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	Nil
	MIDC	Nil
	MCCL	Nil
	MKVIB	Nil
	MHHDC	Nil
	MBCC	Nil
	MEDC Ltd.	Nil
25	<b>Information &amp; Public Relations</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil

	Directorate of IPR	Nil
26	<b>Information Technology &amp; Communication</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, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	Nil
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	1. The RTI Application received during the year 2017 have been disposed off in time as per the provision of the Act.
		2. Sou Muto 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
29	<b>Mining &amp; Geology</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Records, Management are maintained in a register
	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.	Nil
	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Deptt.	Nil
	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	The Centre has complied to obligations of Public Authorities mandated in Section 4(1)(b).

	Centre, Shillong	
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment	RTI Act implemented as per rules Record management maintained Computerization & Networking, Sou motu disclosures etc updating.
	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	Net Working DIO, Shillong Brief introduction in respect of this office is being uploaded in the District's website by NIC Jowai Proactive Disclosure of implement under Section 4 (1) of the Right to Information Act 2005 Being operational through official website of North Garo Hills District
	Planning (Research)	Under Process
31	<b>Personnel</b>	
	Personnel & AR (A)	Nil
	Personnel & AR (B)	Nil
	Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	The process of scanning of all records is continuing in the Branch to make the process of retrieval of information hassle free. Replied to all RTI activists. Cases disposed accordingly.
	DC Ri Bhoi District	Nil
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Action taken. Brief introduction in respect of this Office is being upload in the District's website by NIC, Jowai such as :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Aims and Objectives</li> <li>b) Functions</li> <li>c) Details of FAA/PIO/APIO</li> <li>d) Scheme &amp; Programmes implementing by the Office</li> </ul>

		Files and records pertaining under SCA are available and maintained in the Office.
		Suo moto disclosed by displaying various Schemes undertaken by the Department in the Notice Board for public information.
		Feedback is given and will always be ready to support Appellate Authorities on any matter concerning the Department with regards to implementation of the RTI Act.
		Voluntary organizations and other NGOs are encouraged to use RTI Act, 2005 for any matter or grievance with regard to Schemes or Department.
		By supplying information in time.
	Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills	Pro-active disclosure of information under section 4(1)B of the Right to Information Act, 2005
		All records (list of beneficiaries) are being kept at Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin, Website "WEST KHASI HILLS GOV.IN".
		Suo motu disclosure will be sent to the District Informatics Officer, Nongstoin to display in the District website for document registered by this office for the reporting year 2017.
		Record is being maintained and prepared for suo motu 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
	MATI	Initiative of the Institute towards record management, computerization and net working is on-going.
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	Nil
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	Nil
	DC North Garo Hills	Nil
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	RTI week (Training) was conducted on 15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017
	Commissioner of Division, Tura	Nil
	SDO (C) Sohra	Nil
	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 of list of PIOs in the Office along with all PIOs in



		Sub-ordinate Office in the Sub-Division for publication or 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
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	Nil
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	Nil
	SDO (C) Pynursla	Nil
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	
32	<b>Political</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
33	<b>PHE</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Chief Engineer	Work in progress computerization & networking
34	<b>Power</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Through file
	MSERC	Nil
	MNREDA	Through file
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	Information pertaining to MePDCL is made available in MeECL website meecl.nic.in
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	Nil
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Record Management
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	Nil
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> January 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 utilized and U/C submitted. Awaiting the next installment for continuation of the scheme.</li> </ol>

36	<b>PWD</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	CE PWD(R)	1) Maintenance of R.T.I. Register for quick disposal of information.
		2) Information as sought for has been submitted timely.
		3) Initiative was taken in order that all applications were cleared on time.
		4) Record Management
	CE PWD (NH)	Maintenance of RTI Register for quick disposal of information
	CE PWD (B)	P.W.D. (R & B), Secretariat is the Public Authority of P.W.D. Buildings. Hence it does not arise.
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	Hard Copy
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	Nil
	District Social Welfare Officer	1) The Assistant has been drafted as the Help desk for those who are seeking information. 2) Proper record maintenance of the application maintained with details of information sought and given. 3) Required payment of fees under Section 4(4), 6(1), 7(1)&(5) has been displayed to inform the person seeking information about the Fee structure of RTI.
	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) Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in accordance with the proforma.
		2) Notification regarding the RTI Act, 2005 and information available thereof are placed in the Notice Board.
		3) Information available through the RTI was made aware to the public through display and also direct information.
		4) Office staff were oriented to facilitate collection of information by anybody interested/desired on to maintain transparency.
		5) Information of all the Schemes undertaken by the office was made available and maintained transparency.
		6) Formats updated at regular intervals.
43	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Soil & Water	All relevant records are kept properly in documentation. As such information sought by applicants under RTI Act, 2005 could be disposed off accordingly. Sou Moto Disclosures. Prompt action taken on all queries.
44	<b>Sericulture &amp; Weaving</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving	Nil
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	Nil
	District Handloom Officer, Jowai	Nil
45	<b>Transport</b>	

	Secretariat Deptt.	
	Commissioner of Transport	Notification etc. has been issue to all concern of the State. All application attempt to dispose off as fast as possible.
	MTC	
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	Nil
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	This office complies with all the application under RTI, Act within 30 days as stipulated in the Act.
		Notification etc. of the RTI Act duly published and hanged in the office Notice Board.
		All information sought use to send through post office only. Most of the letters were received very late from post office so in this regard the information sought could not be disbursed in time.
		Immediate response and action taken on information sought. Taking up the matter with post office for delaying the letter in delivery with the computerization its is getting easier to send the information by E-mail etc.
46	<b>Tourism</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Necessary action is in hand for proper record management.
	Directorate of Tourism	Sou Muto public proactive disclosures Sec-4 of RTI Act, 2005 Sec-4 (1) (b) (i) Sec-4 (1) (b) (xvi) Sec-4 (1) (c) Sec-4 (1) (b) (vi)
	MTDC ltd.	
47	<b>Urban Affairs</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	Nil
	Shillong Municipal Board	Nil
	Jowai Municipal Board	
	MUDA	Nil
	Tura Municipal Board	
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	Nil
	Resubelpara Municipal Board	Nil
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	Nil
	Baghmara Municipal Board	
48	<b>Metrology Department</b>	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Nil
	Controller of	Nil

	Legal Metrology	
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>	
53	<b>Water Resources Department</b>	Prompt action has been taken to provide information to the RTI applications. Records are also maintained by the Department for quick disposal of requests.
54	<b>Prisons Department</b>	Nil

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

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