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Chapter I

Introduction

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

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

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

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

During the last *fifteen 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 2020 is on the rise each successive year.

The Table below shows the *year-wise disposal of Complaints* by the Commission during the last 15 years

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

The Table below shows the *year wise disposal of Second Appeals* by the Commission during the last 15 years

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

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

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

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

Implementation of *the Right to Information Act 2005* during the year 2020 in the State was by and large smooth.

The Meghalaya State Information Commission is pleased to present to the State Government of Meghalaya this **15th Annual Report** for the period from *1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020*.

Chapter 2

Powers and functions of the Meghalaya State Information Commission

- 2.1. The Meghalaya State Information Commission was constituted vide *Notification No. IPR 48/2005/Pt.11/10 dated 3rd October, 2005* read with *Notification No. IPR 48/2005/52/11 dated 7th October, 2005* with its headquarters at Shillong. The present incumbent, Shri P.B.O. Warjri IAS (Rtd.) assumed charge as Chief Information Commissioner on 4th 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 from MCS, part time)
3.	Under Secretary	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
4.	Senior PS to the CIC	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)
5.	Superintendent	1	1 (by deputation from Secretariat Service, full time)

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

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

The present *official address* of the Commission is:

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

Phone No – (0364) 2500179

Website: www.megsic.gov.in

2.3. Nodal Department

The Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department is the nodal department for the Commission. All matters, administrative and financial are taken up and routed through the nodal department. The Annual Report prepared by the Commission is sent

through the nodal department for laying it before the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable.

2.4. Duties

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

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

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

2.6. Name, designation and particulars of the Information Officers

Sl. No.	Name of Public Authority	Name & Designation etc. of the Designated Appellate Authority	Name & designation of the PIO
1.	Meghalaya State	Shri Wilfred Nongsiej	Smti. Bellina M. Sangma,

Information Commission	Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission Phone – 2500179 (Office) Address : Lower Lachaumiere East Khasi Hills District Shillong - 793 001 Meghalaya	Under Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission Phone – 2500179 (O) Address : Lower Lachaumiere East Khasi Hills District Shillong – 793 001 Meghalaya
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2.7. Budget & Accounts of the Commission

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

During the financial year 2020-2021 the budget and actual expenditure is as indicated below:

Detailed Head	Budget Head description “2251-Secretariat Social Services- State Schemes 090-Secretariat (12) Meghalaya Information Commission (RTI Act)- General Area “	(In Rupees)		Balance
		Budget Provision for 2020 - 2021	Expenditure up to 31/03/2021	
01	Salaries	2,20,00,000/-	1,07,83,536/-	1,12,16,464/-
02	Wages	8,50,000/- +1,94,960/- (RA)	10,44,960/-	0
06	Medical Treatment	5,00,000/-	1,58,029/-	3,41,971/-
11	Domestic Travel Expenses	7,00,000/-	2,19,000/-	4,81,000/-
13	Office Expenses	8,50,000/-	3,57,674/-	4,92,326/-

16	Publications	6,50,000/-	1,00,000/-	5,50,000/-
21	Supplies & Materials	5,00,000/-	NIL	5,00,000/-
26	Advertising & Publicity	2,00,000/-	NIL	2,00,000/-
28	Professional Services	3,50,000/-	NIL	3,50,000/-
50	Other Charges	5,00,000/-	NIL	5,00,000/-
51	Motor Vehicles	30,00,000/-	16,49,071/-	13,50,929/-
52	Machinery & Equipment	10,00,000/-	NIL	10,00,000/-
Total		3,11,00,000/-	1,43,12,270/-	1,67,87,730/-
(13) Strengthening Capacity building and Awareness Generation for the Effectiveness Implementation of RTI Act		-	-	-

2.8. Activities undertaken by the Commission during the year

- (i) The main functions of the Commission are to *hear appeals* and to *enquire into the complaints* filed by the aggrieved parties. During the year, the Commission received 8 Complaints and 2 Appeals. All the 10 cases were disposed of. The details of receipt and disposal of Complaints and Appeals are given in Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 respectively.
- (ii) Preparation and publication of the *Fifteen Annual Performance Report* of the Commission.

Chapter 3

Disposal of Complaints by the State Information Commission

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

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

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

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

During 2020, a total of 8 complaints were received by the Commission and all the 8 cases were disposed off. The department-wise break up is as given in Table 3.1.1 below.

Table 3.1.1

Department wise receipt and disposal of complaints by the Commission during 2020

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	GHADC, Tura	0	2	2	0
2	C&RD Deptt.	0	2	2	0
3	CEO, Shillong Municipal Board	0	1	1	0
4	Personnel & AR (B) Deptt.	0	1	1	0
5	DC, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	1	1	0
6	Sericulture & Weaving	0	1	1	0
	Total	0	8	8	0

Table 3.1.2

Details of the complaints disposed off by the Commission during 2020

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainant	Name of PIO/Public Authority
1	MIC/Complaint/20/2019/ Dated 4-2-2020	Shri Amseng A Sangma, Village Duragre, P.O. Rongkhon, West Garo Hills,	PIO, Land Revenue Branch, Garo Hills Autonomous

	(Recd November 2019)	Meghalaya.	District Council (GHADC), Tura for information and necessary action.
2	MIC/Complaint/1/2019/ Dated 14-2-2020 (Recd October 2019)	Shri Mozidur Rahman, Moulakandi, P.O. Moulakandi, P.S. Phulbari, West Garo Hills District. Mobile – 8787738087.	Public Information Officer, viz., Block Development Officer, Demdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills
3	MIC/Complaint/03/2020/3 5 Dated 30-7-2020 (Recd Feb 2020)	Shri Shatrudhan Upadhaya, Pdengshnong, Pynthorumkhrah, Golflink, Shillong – 793001. Correspondence address: Shri Shatrudhan Upadhaya, Advocate Shillong Bar Association, Kachari, Shillong – 793001. Phone No. 9863646539, email: advad3@gmail.com.	Shri. F. B. Chyne, the Public Information Officer, Shillong Municipal Board.
4.	MIC/Complaint/8/2020/23 Dated 24-8-2020 (Recd 2020)	Shri Froviling Pakyntein, Jarain Village, West Jaintia Hills	P.I.O., Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Amlarem West Jaintia Hills
5	MIC/Complaint/5/2020/70 Dated 29-9-2020 (Recd July 2020)	Shri Arnold G Momin, Advocate, High Court Bar Association, Shillong. Email address: <u>arnoldmomin55@gmail.com.</u> Mobile No. 9862214691/8259054691	First Appellate Authority and Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar for. Public Information Officer, (Revenue Branch), O/o Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills,

			Williamnagar for information and necessary action. Email address: acnarak1@gmail.com. Mobile No. 7005223816.
6	MIC/Complaint/12/2020/2 1 Dated 17-12-2020 (Recd Sept 2020)	Shri Dimimemon Tariang, Secretary, Raid Amwi Jarian, village Amwi, West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya – 793161	Public Information Officer & Block Development Officer Amlarem C&RD Block Amlarem.
7.	MIC/Complaint/13/2020/8 Dated 17-12-2020 (Recd Oct 2020)	Shri Request Pakma, General Secretary , Jaintia Student’s Union (JSU) Shillong Circle.	Public Information Officer, and District Sericulture Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
8	MIC/Complaint/10/2020/ Dated 17-12-2020 (Recd Nov 2020)	Shri Salman D. Sangma Ampati, South West Garo Hills. Contact No. 8132062973.	Public Information Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura.

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

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

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

Table 3.2.1

Section, Sub-sections and Clauses	No. of Complaints carried over from last year	No. of Complaints filed during the year	Total Nos. of Complaints with the Commission	No. of Complaints disposed	No. of Complaints rejected
18 (1) (a)	0	0	0	0	0
18 (1) b)	0	8	8	10	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		8	8	8	0

Chapter 4

Hearing and disposal of Second Appeals by the Commission

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

Section 19 of the RTI Act 2005 provides -

- (1) Any person who, does not receive a decision within the time specified in sub-section (1) or clause (a) of sub-section (3) of section 7 or is aggrieved by a decision of the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, may within thirty days from the expiry of such period or from the receipt of such a decision prefer an appeal to such officer who is senior in rank to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer as the case may be, in each public authority:

Provided that such officer may admit the appeal after the expiry of the period of thirty days if he or she is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time.

- (2) Where an appeal is preferred against an order made by the Central Public Information Officer or a State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, under Section 11 to disclose third party information, the appeal by the concerned third party shall be made within thirty days from the date of the order.

- (3) A second appeal against the decision under sub-section (1) shall lie within ninety days from the date on which the decision should have been made or was actually received, with the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission.

Provided that the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, may admit the appeal after the expiry of the period of ninety days if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time.

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

- (c) Impose any of the penalties provided under this Act.
 (d) Reject the application.

During the year, 2 (*two*) Appeals were received.

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

Table 4.1.1

Department-wise receipt and disposal of Appeals by the Commission

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	No. of Appeals pending with the Commission at the end of last year	No. of Appeals preferred during the year	Total No. of Appeals with the Commission	No. of Appeals Disposed	No. of Appeals Rejected
1	DC, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	1	1	1	0
2	Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Ltd., Head Office, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0
	Total	0	2	2	2	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/10/2019/78 Dated 4-2-2020 (Recd August 2019)	Shri Sedinath Marak, Songsak Agitokgre, East Garo Hills, P.O. & P.S Songsak.	F.A.A., & Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar.. Shri Aloysius Ch Marak, MCS, & P.I.O., & A.D.C., in-charge Revenue, O/o Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District,, Williamnagar.

2	MIC/Appeal/21/2020/34 Dated 25-2-2020 (Recd January 2020)	Shri Pradip Kumar Saha, Social Worker & RTI Activist, Rest Camp, Pandu near Guwahati MAA Kali Club, Guwahati -781012, Assam. Email – pradipsaha780@gmail.com	First Appellate Authority & Managing Director, Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Ltd., Head Office, Shillong. Public Information Officer, Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Ltd., Head Office, Shillong.
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Chapter - 5

Penalties/Compensation and Disciplinary Action:

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

5.1. Penalties imposed by the State Information Commission:

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

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

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

While exercising the above Power, in every case, the Commission gave an opportunity to the PIO, by issuing a show-cause notice to him/her, asking to explain

as to why penalty under Section 20 (1) should not be imposed against him/her for violation of the Provisions of the R.T.I. Act, 2005. After giving them an opportunity of hearing and after detailed examination and consideration of all the papers and documents available and produced before the Commission on record and only when the Commission is convinced and satisfied that the PIO has contravened the law, that the Commission imposed penalty on them.

The Commission in exercise of the above power has during the year 2020 imposed the following penalties as indicated in Table 5.1.1.

Table 5.1.1
Penalties/Compensations awarded during 2020

Sl. No.	Case No.	Name of Complainants/ Appellants	Name of PIO/Public Authorities	Amount of Penalty/ Compensation
1	MIC/Appeal/10/2019/78 Dated 4-2-2020 (Recd August 2019)	Shri Sedinath Marak, Songsak Agitokgre, East Garo Hills, P.O. & P.S Songsak.	F.A.A., & Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar.. Shri Aloysius Ch Marak, MCS, & P.I.O., & A.D.C., in- charge Revenue, O/o Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District,, Williamnagar.	₹ 2000/- (Penalty)
2	MIC/Complaint/20/2019/ Dated 4-2-2020 (Recd November 2019)	Shri Amseng A Sangma, Village Duragre, P.O. Rongkhon, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.	Shri P.R.Marak, PIO, Land Revenue Branch, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), Tura for information	₹ 500/- (Penalty)

			and necessary action.	
3	MIC/Complaint/1/2019/ Dated 14-2-2020 (Recd October 2019)	Shri Mozidur Rahman, Moulakandi, P.O. Moulakandi, P.S. Phulbari, West Garo Hills District. Mobile – 8787738087.	Public Information Officer, viz., Block Development Officer, Demdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills	₹ 22,000/- (Penalty)
4	MIC/Complaint/03/2020/3 5 Dated 30-7-2020 (Recd Feb 2020)	Shri Shatrudhan Upadhaya, Pdengshnong, Pynthorumkhrah, Golflink, Shillong – 793001. Correspondence address: Shri Shatrudhan Upadhaya, Advocate Shillong Bar Association, Kachari, Shillong – 793001. Phone No. 9863646539, email: advad3@gmail.com.	Shri. F. B. Chyne, the Public Information Officer, Shillong Municipal Board.	₹ 5000/- (Penalty)
5	MIC/Complaint/10/2020/ Dated 17-12-2020 (Recd Nov 2020)	Shri Salman D. Sangma Ampati, South West Garo Hills. Contact No. 8132062973.	Public Information Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura.	₹ 5000/- (Penalty)
Total Amount of Penalties imposed = ₹ 34,500/-				

Chapter 6

Highlights of some of the important decisions of the Commission

(Orders passed by the Commission during 2020)

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/20/2019/

Shri Amseng A Sangma, Duragre, West Garo Hills - Complainant

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P.I.O., Land Revenue, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council - Respondent

4-2-2020

ORDER

Case records put up for today.

The Complainant, Shri Amseng A Sangma is absent. The Public Information Officer & Revenue Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), Tura, Shri P.R.Marak is present.

Brief of the case is that:-

1. The Complainant, Shri Amseng A. Sangma on 20-8-2019 had filed an RTI application before the PIO & Revenue Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), Tura, however, the PIO did not respond during the statutory period.
2. The Complainant in his complaint also stated that he had been asked by the PIO to file a fresh RTI application if he wanted the information as the previous RTI application had lapsed after a period of 30 days.

Hence this complaint before the Commission.

3. The Commission after examining the complaint petition, on 3-12-2019, vide order letter No.MIC/Complainant/20/2019/7 sought a reply from the PIO as to why

information sought for should not be given to the applicant and the reply to reach the Commission by **13-12-2019**.

4. The PIO Land Revenue Branch, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), Tura in compliance with the order of the Commission, on **17-12-2019** along with Annexures vide letter **No.GHADC-Rev/RTI/1143/09/2302**, clarified that information had already been provided to the applicant since **17-10-2019**, (i.e. after two months of due date) however, the applicant refused to accept the copy of information.
5. The PIO also clarified that extension of time period has been requested from the applicant vide letter **No.GHADC-Rev/RTI/1143/09/1990** dated **20-9-2019** for another **15 days** due to difficulty to trace the information required.
6. The Commission after examining the clarification of the PIO had fixed **4th February, 2020 at 11:30 AM** for hearing.

The PIO & Revenue Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC), Tura, Shri P.R.Marak in his written submission stated that the complaint filed by Shri Amseng A Sangma is not true as necessary documents available in the office have already been provided to him but the complainant refused to accept the information. The PIO also stated that he had asked from the complainant to extend another 15 days to furnish the information and the complainant accepted the request. However some documents could not be furnished to the complainant as they are not available with the records keeper and there is no malafide intention to withhold supply of information to the complainant. In view of the above facts, the PIO requested the Commission to exonerate him from further necessary action.

The Commission heard the PIO and found that the PIO had delayed furnishing information to the complainant for more than 80 days. The Commission therefore, by the powers conferred on the Commission under section 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005 hereby imposes a penalty of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) on Shri Peter R. Marak, Revenue Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura for his failure to furnish the information to the appellant.

He is required to deposit the above amount by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India at Tura under the Head of Account **“0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – I under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by the Commission”** by 20th February 2020.

Further, the Commission observed that information on items 1 and 3 were not given as the copy could not be traced and information on the item 6 was not available. However there is also no document to prove the destruction of records. The Commission cannot accept non availability of records without proper documentation of their destruction according to appropriate Act and Rules governing maintenance and destruction of records or their loss in any way.

On item 7 the Commission observed that these relate to the Nokmaship of Dura-Songmagiri and the PIO should provide the information accordingly.

On item 8 the Commission observed that the words relate to the normal meaning as used in the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council and the meaning of the words as normally used should be given to the applicant.

The Commission directed the PIO to furnish the information sought by the Complainant immediately by registered post and report compliance to the Commission and sent a copy of the information sent.

The Commission before giving final order directs the PIO to appear before the Commission after two weeks time.

Fix **21st February 2020 at 11.30 AM** for final hearing.

Sd/-
(P.B.O.Warjri)
C.I.C.

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Appeal/10/2019/78

Shri Sedinath Marak, Songsak Agitokgre, East Garo Hills - Appellant

-Vrs-

(1) F.A.A., O/o D.C. East Garo Hills, Williamnagar }
(2) P.I.O., O/o D.C.(Revenue), East Garo Hills, Williamnagar } Respondents

4-2-2020

ORDER

The Appellant, Shri Sedinath Marak is absent. The PIO & ADC, (Revenue). East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, Shri Aloysius Ch. Marak is present.

The brief of the case is that:-

The Appellant, Shri Sedinath Marak had filed an RTI application before the P.I.O., Land Revenue Department, office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, on **24-4-2019**, requesting information on

- (i) Copy of the Re-Enquiry Report conducted by Smti Ripamchi N.Sangma (EAC) pertaining to the Songsak Area.
- (ii) Copy of the Order arriving out of the re-enquiry report.
- (iii) Copy of the Award prepared after the re-enquiry report, if any
- (iv) Copy of the list of names and land where re-enquiry was conducted.

The PIO on **24-5-2019** vide letter **No.EGH/REV.191/Pt.II/2012/53** replied that information furnished the information to the Appellant.

1. Not satisfied with the information, on **8-7-2019**, the Appellant filed an Appeal before the First Appellate Authority & Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar. The F.A.A. & Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, on **8-8-2019**, furnished the information accordingly.
2. Not satisfied with the information he preferred a Second Appeal before the Commission.

3. The Commission admits the Appeal and asked the PIO to show cause as to why correct information should not be given to the Appellant and fixed **16-9-2019 at 11:30 AM** for hearing.
4. The P.I.O., Land Revenue Department, office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, did not attend the hearing without any notice.
5. The Appellants also was absent. The Appellants have not shown why they consider the reply to be wrong information.
6. In view of the above, the Commission directed the PIO to show cause why penalty should not be imposed upon him to failure to provide information
7. The Commission also directs the Appellants to give evidence to support their complaint of wrong information.
8. The Commission fixed **24-9-2019 at 12:00 PM** for hearing and submission of show cause notice.
9. The Appellant, Shri Sedinath Marak, is absent during hearing, however, through his representative sent his documents in support of wrong information furnished by the Respondents FAA, O/o D.C. East Garo Hills, Williamnagar and PIO, O/o D.C. (Revenue) East Garo Hills, Williamnagar.
10. The P.I.O., Land Revenue Department, office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, again is absent without any information.
11. The Commission had issued **two show cause notices** to the PIO, first on **26.08.2019** and second on **17.09.2019** and had fixed **two hearings** i.e. first on **16-9-2019** and second on **24-9-2019**. However, the Respondent-PIO & A.D.C., in-charge Revenue, office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar, Shri Aloysius Ch. Marak, MCS failed to even show any response.
12. Documents supplied by the Appellant reveals an action of gross disregard for the law, specifically the RTI Act 2005 in this case. The reply from the PIO dated **24.05.2019** and the reply from the FAA dated **8-8-2019** bear the signature of the same person. As the PIO has failed even to respond in any way (no letter, no phone call, no message) to the two notices of the Commission, the Commission has no way to identify the actual person who signed and is compelled to assume that it is the PIO who has signed the initial reply dated **24-5-2019** as well as the FAA's letter dated **8-8-2019**. This is an act of utter contempt for the RTI Law itself. It reflects an absence of accountability in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills. How else can the officer judge his own action and

be accountable to himself? This disregard has been shown not to a convention or tradition or even a rule, but to a written law of the country.

13. The PIO further has shown contempt for the law by callously brushing aside the request for information by stating that the information requested for is “**Not found in the records**” in his reply dated 24-05-2019. Further in fraudulently exercising the powers conferred on a higher authority by section 19 (1) of the RTI Act he has passed the order with the same wording “**Not found in the records**” in the order purported to be from the Departmental Appellate Authority/First Appellate Authority dated 8-8-2019.
14. The PIO has been given adequate opportunity to explain his failure to provide information. He has ignored both the opportunities. The Commission has viewed this matter with utmost seriousness and deep concern.
15. By the powers conferred on the Commission under section 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005 a penalty of **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty five thousand) is imposed on Shri Aloysius Ch.Marak, MCS, PIO, O/o D.C.(Revenue), East Garo Hills, Williamnagar for his failure to furnish the information to the appellant.
16. The Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills also directed to ensure that the law is respected by the RTI Act functionaries in his office and proper procedures required under the RTI Act 2005 are implemented and ensure that the supremacy of law is upheld.
17. A copy of this order has sent to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, and another copy to the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills for their information and necessary action.
18. On 31-10-2019, the PIO O/o D.C. (Revenue) East Garo Hills, Williamnagar, Shri Aloysius Ch. Marak, MCS voluntarily appeared before the Commission along with a written petition requesting the Commission to hear him and to reconsider the order of the Commission dated 25.09.2019 wherein the Commission had imposed a penalty upon the PIO.
19. The Commission heard him seeing he had come all the way from Williamnagar.
 1. The PIO sincerely apologized for his failure to appear before the Commission for two occasions and for his failure to respond to the orders / notices of the commission stating that the notices / orders of the Commission were not received. He further stated that he would have appeared had he received those notices.

The PIO requested the Commission to forgive his failure to appear before the Commission on two occasions that is on **16.09.2019** and **24.09.2019**, stating that he did not receive the show cause notices. He however clearly stated that he is not contesting the order of the Commission dated **25.09.2019** and is only requesting the Commission to consider the fact that the notices of the Commission were not received.

The Commission considered the difficulties in corresponding with remote areas like Williamnagar accepted the apology of the PIO for the time being and will take this up finally after other matters in this case are completed.

The Commission however issued further instructions to address the issue of difficulty in communication, to the offices of the Commission:

- (i) Orders/show cause notices/etc of the Commission fixing dates for reply, date of hearing etc, should be sent to the respondent/appellant /complainant by Registered AD so that receipt is recorded.
 - (ii) Show cause notices/ orders etc should also be conveyed to the concerned persons by electronic means i.e. email / sms / whatsapp or any other secure means as available.
2. The PIO expressed his regret to the Commission for signing the letter dated **8/8/2019**, from Deputy Commissioner (RTI Cell), East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar which is a response to the first appeal, as the FAA. He stated that he had done this without carefully looking at the contents of the papers. He also begged forgiveness of the Commission stating that he had signed the letter as FAA without any malafide intention but had done it routinely as he signs many letters on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner. He had mistaken this as one of the many letters he routinely signs in this manner.

After considering the plea of the PIO the Commission observes and decides as follows:

- (i) The Commission while accepting the possibility that the PIO may have signed the reply to the first appeal without malafide intention, even if there was no malafide intention, pointed out that the action nevertheless reflected a degree of carelessness on the part of the PIO as well as the FAA who is the Deputy Commissioner. Being the

PIO, Shri Aloysius Ch. Marak, MCS should not have signed the letter on behalf of the FAA. The same person, signing at two levels, that is at the level of the PIO and at the level of FAA, makes a mockery of the system of accountability.

(ii) The Commission also pointed out that the FAA need not reply directly to the appellant. Being the appellate authority, the FAA needs only to decide and pass order on the appeal and direct the PIO to take action as applicable. The PIO would then have to carry out the order of the FAA and make his reply to the appellant accordingly. The FAA needs only to give a copy of the decision/orders to the appellant while a reply should be undertaken by the PIO in response to the FAA orders.

The Commission directs FAA and Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar to ensure that appeals before the FAA are handled appropriately and order are issued in the correct manner.

3. (i) The PIO also stated that he had not given wrong information. Rather he had stated that information requested was not found in the records in spite of several attempts to locate them and this was not wrong information but it is a fact that they were not found in spite of several efforts. The Commission is of the view that the contention of the appellant has credibility as the manner in which the reply was given by the PIO and by the FAA reflected a careless attitude, dismissing the request for information with the reply “not found in the records”. The way the replies were made by the PIO and routinely repeated by the FAA, make it appear that the request was not given the importance it carries as an action taken under a law of the land. Unless adequate proof is provided by the PIO and the FAA the Commission will have to treat the reply given by the PIO and the FAA as ‘wrong information’.

(ii) The Commission cannot accept the claims of missing records or the term “not found in the records” which have been used by the PIO and FAA. Under the Public Records Act, 1993 the Public Authority has a duty to initiate action for such a loss of a public record. Without following such action prescribed for maintenance and disposal of records no record be assumed to be lost and therefore claims of ‘loss’ or ‘missing’ without following the prescribed process have no legal weight.

The PIO was reminded that the Public Records Act also prescribes for imprisonment in certain cases.

The request for information made by the appellant has to be provided unless it is clearly proven that the records are not available under Public Records Act.

The order of the Commission dated 29.09.2019 imposing on penalty Rs.25,000 (Twenty Five Thousands) on the PIO is kept in abeyance until final orders and the PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant with a compliance report to the Commission by 15.11.2019.

Commission on 28-11-2019 received a compliance report vide letter **No.EGH/REV/191/Pt.II/2012/84 dated 27-11-2019**, from the APIO office of the Deputy Commissioner, (Revenue). East Garo Hills District on behalf of PIO & ADC, (Revenue). East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, Shri Aloysius Ch. Marak who is on Medical Leave, in respect of Commission's order dated 31-10-2019.

The Commission after perusing and examining the compliance report had fixed 4th February, 2020 at 12:00 PM for final hearing.

The PIO & ADC, (Revenue). East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, Shri Aloysius Ch. Marak in his written submission stated that:

1. The Magisterial Inquiry Report as submitted by Smt R.N.Sangma, MCS, vide letter No SBA2/Misc/2010/7 dt 31/07/2014 along with the statement of assessment made by her on the houses and trees in connection with demand for land compensation by Shri Sedinath Marak and 12 (twelve) others of Songsak Bonegre Akingland which is enclosed from page 12 to 16.
2. The temporary dak sheet indicating the delivery of Letter No. WGH.REV.191/Pt/2012/70 dt 21.11.2019 to Shri Sedinath Marak on 22.11.19 is enclosed.

The Commission after examining the Reports submitted by the PIO & ADC, (Revenue). East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar, Shri Aloysius Ch. Marak and his verbal submission decided to impose a penalty of Rs 2,000/- (Rupees two thousand) for delay in furnishing information to the complainant.

He is required to deposit the above amount by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India at Williamnagar under the Head of Account **“0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – I under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by**

the Commission” within the period of 30 days from the date of this Order with intimation to this Commission.

**-Sd/-
(P.B.O.Warjri)
C.I.C.**

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/17/2019/

Shri Mozidur Rahman, Moulakandi, Phulbari, West Garo Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

1. FAA & Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura - Respondents
2. PIO & B.D.O., Demdema, C&RD Block, Damdema

14-2-2020

ORDER

The Commission passed an interim order on 5th February 2020. The PIO & Block Development Officer, Damdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills, Shri P.R. Sangma who was present in the hearing on that day, had promised that he would provide the information to the Complainant by 12th February 2020. The PIO sent a copy of the receipt dated 12th February 2020, signed by the Complainant stating that all documents which had not been given earlier had now been sent. The Complainant was also further contacted on phone and he has confirmed that he has signed the receipt and that he has received all the information which he requested and is now satisfied with the information given by the PIO.

The Commission notes that there has been a delay on the part of the PIO and that the whole process of delivery began only after the Commission took up the case and issued a show cause notice to the FAA and the PIO on 18.10.2019. While the information has belatedly been given, the fact is that there has been a delay as follows:

- The Complainant made an RTI application on 4.7.2019.
- The Complainant filed a complaint to the Commission on 2.9.2019.
- The Commission issued a show cause notice on 18.10.2019.
- The Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, asked the PIO to submit Action Taken Report (in 10 days) on 11.10.2019.
- The PIO asked the applicant to collect the information free of cost on 24.10.2019.

- The FAA and Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills submitted parawise comments on 30.10.2019.
- The PIO & BDO Damdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills sent the show cause reply to the Commission on 31.10.2019 giving reasons for the delay.
- The PIO again sent the letter by registered post on 31.10.2019 to the applicant to collect the information.
- The Commission directed the PIO to appear before the Commission on 21.11.2019.
- The Commission again directed the Complainant and Respondent to appear on 5.02.2020 to confirm the progress of the compliance.

During the hearing on 21.11.2019 the Commission noted that there was a huge delay and gave an opportunity to the PIO to show cause why penalty should not be awarded to him for the delay. The PIO and BDO Damdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills, Shri P.R.Sangma gave a reply to the Commission in his Letter No. DDB.5/MGNREGS/RTI/2019-20/107 dated 25.11.2019, stating that there were floods during July 2019. He also stated that, on 29th July 2019 he had sent a reply to the applicant to collect the information but the applicant was not present at home nor any adult person was present and the letter was returned to the PIO. The PIO was not informed about the return of this letter and was reminded about the case only after when he received the letter from the Deputy Commissioner on 24.10.2019. On the same day he sent a letter to the applicant to collect the information free of cost but the letter could not be delivered to the applicant. Later, on 31.10.2019 the letter was again sent by the PIO to the applicant by registered post asking the applicant to collect the information from the office of the PIO.

The Commission finds that the reasons given by the PIO about the delay do not justify the initial delay of about three months. The Commission noted that the PIO had slept over the matter from 29.7.2019 and woke up only on 24.10.2019 when he received the letter from the Deputy Commissioner, which was in response to the Commission's show cause notice. There is no sufficient reason to justify this initial delay of almost three months from 29.7.2019 to 24.10.2019. Further additional items of information were eventually supplied only on 12.2.2020 after the intervention of the Commission.

It is established that the PIO had delayed furnishing the information without sufficient justification. The full information was eventually given only on 12.2.2020 on the orders of the Commission.

The Commission therefore, imposes a penalty for the total period of delay i.e. from 4.8.2019 till 12.2.2020 (which is more than one hundred days). However taking into consideration the fact that the full information has been supplied even with much delay the Commission therefore, imposes a penalty Rs 22,000 (twenty two thousand only) before the maximum penalty of Rs 25,000 to Shri P.R.Sangma, PIO and BDO Damdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills, he is directed to pay this amount from his personal sources.

He shall deposit the above amount of Rs 22,000 (twenty two thousand rupees) by Treasury Challan to the State Bank of India at Phulbari under the Head of Account **“0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – I under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by the Commission”** by 15th March 2020 with intimation to this Commission.

-Sd/-
(P.B.O.Warjri)
C.I.C.

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

No.MIC/Appeal/2/2020/

Shri Pradip Kumar Saha, Social & RTI Activists, Pandu near Guwahati - Appellant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Head Office, Shillong - Respondent

25-2-2020

ORDER

Case records put up today.

The Appellant, Shri Pradip Kumar Saha is present. The P.I.O., Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Head Office, Shillong, Shri Ashok Bijoy Purkayastha is present.

Brief of the case is that:-

1. The Appellant, Shri Pradip Kumar Saha on **5-2-2019** had filed an RTI application before the PIO & Under Secretary, Chief Minister's Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong, on **12(twelve)** items. The application was then sent to the Co-operative Societies Department subsequently transferred to PIO, Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank (MCAB) Ltd, Head Office, Shillong, through the PIO & Deputy Registrar Co-operative Societies.
2. The PIO, MCAB, Head Office, Shillong on **6-3-2019**, responded to his application.
3. Not satisfied with the reply, the Appellant **after four months** i.e. on **24-07-2019** filed another fresh RTI application to the PIO & Under Secretary, Chief Minister's Secretariat, who then sent it to the State Finance Department and the application was then transferred to the PIO, Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Ltd., Head Office, Shillong on **7(seven)** items by the Special Officer and Ex-officio, Under Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, Finance (EA) Department.
4. The PIO, MCAB, Head Office, Shillong on **4-9-2019**, responded to his application.
5. Not satisfied with the reply, the Appellant on **09-09-2019** filed an Appeal on **7 (seven) items** before the Appellate Authority and Additional Chief Secretary,

Chief Minister's Secretariat, Shillong **who is not the Appellate Authority of the Bank**. This appeal was then forwarded from the Chief Minister's Secretariat to the Appellate Authority of the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank, by the Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Finance (EA) Department.

6. The First Appellate Authority & Managing Director, MCAB, Head Office, Shillong on 21-10-2019, responded and disposed off the Appeal accordingly.
7. Not satisfied with the Order passed by the FAA & Managing Director, MCAB, Head Office, Shillong, on 10-01-2020, The Appellant preferred a Second Appeal before the Commission.

The Commission also noted that the Appellant while seeking the information from the Public Authority viz., Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank, Shillong, repeatedly filed the application to the Chief Minister's Secretariat Shillong on 5.2.2019 and on 24.7.2019. The appeal to the Departmental Appellate Authority was again filed to the Chief Minister's Secretariat. While an application could be submitted for the first time to a prominent head or overall authority like the Chief Minister's Secretariat repeated addresses to the Chief Minister's Secretariat reveals that the applicant has consciously and deliberately addressed it the wrong Public Authority. Ignorance cannot be accepted as a reason as the applicant has identified himself as an "RTI Activist" in his communication. The Chief Minister's Secretariat is in itself a separate Public Authority and especially in the matter of the first appeal it was not bound to forward it to the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank. The Commission views this repeated action of the Appellant as action not done in good faith.

The Commission admitted the Appeal and directed the PIO, Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Ltd, Head Office, Shillong to show cause on 06.02.2020 as to why information was not disclosed to the Appellant.

The Respondent-PIO, Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank, Head Office, Shillong, Shri Ashok Bijoy Purkayastha in his detailed submission stated that the information could not provided to the Appellant as the items of information under dispute were purely personal and providing the information would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual which is protected under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act.

The Commission also heard the verbal submission submitted by the Appellant and the Appellant in his submission could not provide sufficient reasons to justify that the information asked for should not be under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act. The Appellant stated that the information was required in connection with the performance of the Bank, giving the example of NPAs. Such information however cannot be connected to the personal details of the officer.

The Appellant, further, could not show any grounds that there is a larger public interest which can justify providing of the information he has requested for.

The Commission therefore upholds the decision of the First Appellate Authority and Managing Director Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank, Shillong.

The appeal is dismissed.

-Sd/-
(P.B.O.Warjri)
C.I.C.

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/6/2020/12,

Shri Ziaral Islam, East Pathorkata, West Garo Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., Demdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills - Respondent

30-7-2020

ORDER

Seen Show Cause reply vide letter No.DDB.5/MNREGS/RTI/2019-20/97 dated 23rd July, 2020 from Shri P.R.Sangma, MCS, Block Development Officer & PIO Demdema C&RD Block, West Garo Hills.

The Commission after examining the Show Cause reply directs the PIO to send detailed information to the CIC of the date and list of documents sent in reply and the date on which the applicant received the information.

Further, the PIO shall send the details of the amount of the photo copying charges and of the challan deposited by Grenier G Momin, Addl Programme Officer in detail to the Commission by **6th August, 2020.**

The reply to the Commission shall be sent by electronic means and the PIO shall also give a telephonic confirmation of the reply having been sent.

-Sd/-
(P.B.O.Warjri)
C.I.C.

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/3/2020/35

Shri Shatrudhan Upadhyaya, - Complainant

- Vrs -

P.I.O., Shillong Municipal Board, - Respondent

30-7-2020

ORDER

Case records put up today.

As the respondent PIO and the Complainant could not attend the hearing fixed due to the restrictions imposed by the Government as part of the steps to battle the spread of Covid-19 in Shillong, and considering the fact that the bulk of the facts on the case are already documented, the hearing was conducted on telephone.

The Complainant stated that he received the information, asked for under the RTI Act, only in the month of June 2020.

The PIO had stated on 28-5-20 in his written reply to the show cause that he had sent the information to the Complainant within the prescribed period and that there was no delay. A copy of the reply to the applicant/complainant dated 06-12-19 was attached in his reply to the Commission.

The Complainant was informed by the Commission on 10-01-20 that the PIO had reported that he had sent the reply within the prescribed period, and was asked to confirm. The Complainant replied to the Commission vide letter dated 15-06-20 that he had not received the information.

The PIO was then asked by the Commission vide letter dated 29-06-20 to explain how the information reported to have been sent by the PIO had not reached the applicant.

The PIO vide his reply to the Commission dated 03-07-20 stated that he had replied to the applicant/complainant in time and again enclosed another copy of his reply dated

06-12-19, which he had reportedly sent to the applicant. As the document had not been received by the applicant the PIO was asked to confirm the means by which the information was sent to the applicant.

On 20-07-20 the PIO replied that the reply was sent to the applicant by ordinary post. However he could not produce any document to prove that the reply was indeed sent on 06-12-20.

The Complainant confirmed that he had subsequently received a photocopy of the reply on 25-6-20. The Respondent PIO admitted that the photocopy of the reply, on that occasion, was indeed sent and delivered to the complainant by hand.

Under the circumstances the Commission concludes that there has been a delay by the PIO in replying to the original application and he has failed to provide the information within the mandated 30 days and has therefore not complied with the provisions of the Act for which he has to be penalised. The Complainant pleaded for a lenient view as the information has been received.

Considering the fact that the information asked by the applicant has been given, though late, the Commission orders that a penalty of **Rs.5000/-** (five thousand rupees only) be imposed on the Respondent PIO, Shillong Municipal Board, **Shri F. B. Chyne** for the delay.

The amount shall be paid by **Shri F. B. Chyne** from his personal funds and shall be deposited under the Head of Account “**0070-Other Administrative Services etc., 60-Other Services, 118-Receipt under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Volume – I under:- (02) Fees & Fines for the Penalty Amount Imposed by the Commission**” within a period of 30 days from the date of this Order with intimation to this Commission immediately on deposit.

Copies of the orders shall be delivered to the Complainant and the Respondent PIO, Shillong Municipal Board, by electronic means, in view of the Covid-19 restrictions.

-Sd/-
(P.B.O.Warjri)
C.I.C

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/5/2020/70

Shri Arnold G. Momin, Advocate, H.C. Bar Association - Complainants

- Vrs -

P.I.O. (Revenue Branch), O/o the D.C. Williamnagar - Respondent

29-9-2020

ORDER

PIO is present through video call on Whats App. Complainant is not available in spite of several attempts to contact.

Seen the Statement in Reply from the Respondent-PIO (Revenue), office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar vide letter No.EGH/REV-191/Pt-II/2012/149 dated 24th August, 2020 forwarded by the Deputy Commissioner (Election), East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar.

The documents in this case have been examined. Reply of the PIO in response to Commission's show cause notice dated 17-8-2020 is seen. The PIO in his reply at para 4 stated that no copy of show cause notice has been received by him. However, in para 2, he has stated that a copy of the order dated 17-8-2020 has been received by him through email and Whats App. **The copy of the show cause notice has therefore been received by him electronically and he has submitted his reply.**

In his reply the PIO stated that there has been no delay wherein he has shown that the RTI application was received in the Deputy Commissioner's office on 13-12-2019 and was therefore due for reply one month from that date. This contention of the PIO is correct and he has made a reply on 7-1-2020, within the time limit.

The PIO has stated that the applicant has not given a proper address. However, the Commission noted that the applicant has given his address as High Court of Meghalaya Bar Association, Shillong – 793001 and this should be address to which the reply could be given. The claim of the PIO that no address was given is not maintainable.

The applicant had also received a copy of the reply dated 7-1-2020, and this was sent to the address of the Bar Association.

The matter had gone up to the First Appellate Authority who had directed the appellant/applicant to make payment of Rs.180/- within a period of 15 days. This period of 15 days however has no sanction in the RTI Act. When the request for payment has been made it is up to the applicant to make a payment if he so desires to receive the documents. The applicant is therefore free to make a payment at any reasonable time without any restriction of 15 days. The PIO however, has to supply the documents only after the payment is made.

The FAA has taken action in time and the direction for payment has been given within the prescribed period, the date of First Appeal is 7th Feb 2020, and the reply of FAA & Deputy Commissioner, to pay Rs.180/- is dated 18-2-2020. Therefore the payment is due under the RTI Act.

Any reasons or motives for information cannot be adduced by the PIO and need not be given by the applicant. Information under the RTI has to be given on all matters barring information which are specifically prohibited under the respective sections and no reason needs to be given by the applicant.

The following observations and decisions are further made:

In reply to item No.3 the PIO had reported that there is no record of acquisition of land of Smti Presalline Momin, D/o Shri Enoram Marak acquired from the village Naringgre. Further items related to this item 3 were therefore not attended to by the PIO.

However, on examination of the documents enclosed in the reply to the show cause notice sent by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, specifically the Declaration Under Section 6 of Act 1 of 1894 under reference No.RDA17/2012/89 dated 16-7-2013, shows the details of land under Land Acquisition. Against serial No.124 the name of Smti Presalline Momin of Naringgre village under plot No.A/57 is shown as being one of the land owners. The reply of PIO that there are no records is therefore incorrect according to the documents.

The PIO in reply to item No.8 has stated that land has been acquired from Smti Presalline Momin, W/o Willingstone N. Marak, R/o Kusimkolgre Williamnagar with pata land A/57 at serial No.124. The clarification given by the PIO in the hearing today, however makes it clear that the land acquisition records do not have the name of the father or husband but only of the land owner. According to the Declaration as stated above and provided by the PIO at Annexure D, the name and the serial No. as well as the plot No. are shown as of Naringgre village and not Kusimkolgre, Williamnagar. The information relating to land acquired from Smti Presalline Moniin of Naringgre village should therefore be provided to the applicant and information on item No.3 & 4 and part of item 8 (as explained here in the next paragraph) **should be provided free of charge.**

Under item 8 the PIO shall give the information of the area of land acquired from Smti Presalline Marak of Naringgre as recorded at serial No.124 under plot No.A/57.

Information over and above these items specified if required by the applicant/complainant and if permissible under the Act shall be so supplied after payment of copying charges as required under the prescribed rates.

The order shall be issued by electronic means (email/Whats App) and the report of compliance by the Respondent-PIO shall also be sent electronically. The PIO shall also make a telephone/mobile call to inform the Commission that he has sent the reply electronically.

The contact details of the Commission are:

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MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/15/2020/4

Shri VijendraMahawar S/O Giriraj Prasad, New Delhi - Complainant

- Vrs -

The P.I.O., CMJ University, Ri Bhoi District - Respondent

21-10-2020

ORDER

Perused appeal petition dated 15.9.2020.

According to the Complainant, he had filed an application for information under the RTI Act, 2005 dated 25.06.2020 and 04.08.2020 to the PIO, CMJ University, Ri Bhoi along with the requisite application fee. However, he alleged that has not received the information nor any communication from the PIO till date. Hence, the instant complaint. Apparently there is sufficient ground for inquiry into this complaint. Register a complaint case.

Furnish a copy of the complaint to the Respondent-PIO.

Issue notice to the PIO to show cause as to why the information sought for should not be provided to the Complainant and why penalty according to the Law should not be awarded to him for failure to provide the information in time.

Fix **28-10-2020** for submission of the show cause.

The reply to the Commission shall be sent by electronic means and the PIO shall also give a telephonic confirmation of the reply having been sent.

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MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

No.MIC/Appeal/11/2020/61

Shri Request Pakma

- Vrs -

- Appellant

1. F.A.A., o/o Director of Corporate Affairs MeECL,
2. P.I.O., o/o Director of Corporate Affairs MeECL,

} Respondents

6-11-2020

ORDER

Perused appeal petition dated 21.10.2020.

According to the Appellant, he had filed an application for information under the RTI Act, 2005 dated 31.1.2020 to the PIO, o/o Director of Corporate Affairs MeECL along with the requisite application fee. However the Appellant alleged that the PIO did not furnish the information. On 16.3.2020 the Appellant filed an appeal before the First Appellate Authority for not receiving the information. The F.A.A vide letter No.MeECL/CA/US-1/RTI/274/2019/106 dated 13.08.2020 furnished the information to the Appellant free of cost. Not satisfied with the information supplied to him the Appellant filed this instant appeal.

Apparently there is sufficient ground for inquiry into this Appeal.

Register an Appeal case.

Furnish a copy of the Appeal to the Respondent-PIO.

Issue notice to the PIO to show cause as to why the information sought for should not be provided complete information to the Appellant and why penalty according to the Law should not be awarded to her.

The P.I.O may send written submission by **16th November 2020** by electronic means and the PIO shall also give a telephonic confirmation of the reply to the show cause having been sent.

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MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No.MIC/Complaint/12/2020/21

Shri Dimimemon Tariang , West Jaintia Hills - Complainant

- Vrs -

The P.I.O., & BDO C&RD Block Amlarem, Amlarem - Respondent

17-12-2020

ORDER

Seen the reply of the Respondent PIO No.ACDB/Acctt/Misc-30/RTI/PT.III/2015/ dated 24th November, 2020, wherein he has explained that since the applicant had not made payment of Rs.10/- application fee to the PIO, the PIO had not given the information to the initial application dated 31st August 2020.

The Commission, in its initial order dated 2nd November, 2020, had dismissed the complaint. However, the applicant/complainant, vide his letter No.RAJ/2020-21/57 dated the 10th November, 2020, requested the Commission to review its order dated 2nd November 2020.

He has alleged that the PIO has given reasons which are baseless, distorted, and malafide in support of his decision not to provide the information to the applicant. He stated that he had filed the original application on 31/08/20 and that the Accountant had signed the receipt of Rs.10/- for the application fee and that this same receipt was forwarded to the Commission. He further stated that he had gone to the office of the PIO on 14th October 2020 after being called and submitted the undated receipt to the Accountant and the Accountant returned the same receipt to him with the date of "14th Oct 2020" inserted into the receipt document.

He further stated in his letter that he had submitted the undated receipt to the Commission.

The question of whether the PIO delayed his reply and thereby failed to comply with the provisions of the Act, hinges on the date of payment of the application fee. The PIO is not bound to entertain the application if such fee had not been paid.

The Commission's records show that the complainant/applicant had sent his initial complaint to the Commission on Saturday, 3rd October 2020 by WhatsApp and that the complaint was entered in the register of the Commission on 6th October 2020. The complaint did not enclose any copy of a receipt of Rs.10/- in his complaint. The complainant later sent a copy of the undated receipt by WhatsApp, on 14th October 2020 at 11.41 hrs, after being asked to by the office of the Commission.

In reply to the show cause notice for alleged delay in replying to the application, the PIO stated that the payment of the application fee was not made at the time of submission of the application by the applicant/complainant. He had therefore telephonically informed the applicant to make payment of the application fee, before replying to his RTI application. He further stated that the applicant/complainant came to the office of the Respondent PIO only on 14th October, 2020 and made the payment of Rs.10/-. After issuing the receipt to the applicant/complainant the PIO realized that the Accountant, who had issued the receipt had not dated the receipt and the applicant/complainant was asked to return the receipt to the Accountant, who then entered the date of 14th October 2020, i.e. the same day, on the receipt and returned the receipt to the applicant.

The Respondent PIO further stated that he replied to the applicant on 16th October 2020, two days after payment of the application fee.

On examining the case the Commission found the following:

- (i) The applicant does not fall under the category exempted from payment of the application fee.
- (ii) In the application dated 31st August 2020 the applicant clearly states that "application fee of Rs.10/- shall be paid as per law". This shows that the fee was not paid at the time of submitting the application.
- (iii) The Complainant has alleged in his letter dated 10th November 2020 that the Respondent PIO had given "baseless, distorted and malafide" reasons about the non-payment of the application fee. In his letter to the Commission he states that the Accountant handed him the receipt on 31st August 2020. This contradicts his own statement in the application where he states that the fee was yet to paid.

- (iv) The records of the Commission clearly show that when the applicant sent the complaint to the Commission on 3rd October 2020 by WhatsApp, he did not enclose a copy of the application fee. When he was told by the office of the Commission on 13th October 2020 that the Complainant had not included the receipt for the application fee, he sent a WhatsApp message dated 14th October 2020 enclosing a copy of an undated receipt.
- (v) In his letter dated 10th November 2020, he also stated that the date on the receipt was entered on 14th Oct 2020. However, he did not send the dated receipt, but sent only the undated receipt.
- (vi) The Complainant's statement in his allegation letter dated 10th November 2020 states that the receipt was given to him at the time of submission of application on 31st August 2020. This however contradicts his own admission in the application letter that the application fee "shall be paid as per law".
- (vii) The Complainant gave no explanation why he did not enclose a copy of the fee payment which he claims he already possessed (stating so his letter of 14th October) along with the copy of his RTI application when he submitted his complaint to the Commission on the 3rd October 2020.

The Complainant has alleged that the Respondent PIO has given reasons which are "baseless, distorted and malafide. The arguments he has offered in support of these allegations however do not stand up to scrutiny. His own letters contradict him.

The complaint of delay/denial of information by the PIO therefore has no substance and is hereby dismissed.

The quick response of the PIO in sending the reply to the applicant in only 2 (two) days is commended and his efficiency appreciated. The PIO has acted according to the provisions of the Act and upheld the law.

What is of concern here is the attempt by the complainant to make a false allegation against the PIO. The evidence points to an attempt to falsely implicate the PIO.

The action of the complainant shall be recorded in the Commission.

Let a copy of this order be also given to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, the Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department,

Government of Meghalaya, (Shri Damuthimi Lyngdoh the PIO being an officer of the A.H. and Vety Department) and the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.

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Chapter 7

Implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in the State during 2019

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 2020 a total number of 2612 requests were received by the Public Information Officers of those public authorities who have so far furnished their reports. 32 numbers of requests were carried over from the previous year; hence the total number of requests available with the PIOs for disposal is 2644. Out of these, 2529 requests were disposed of by the PIOs during the year which is about 96.91 %. The remaining 115 numbers 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 115 which is approximately about 2.58 % from the total number of requests received in the year 2020 by the PIOs.

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

Reporting Year: 2020

Sl. No	Name of Departmental Public Authorities	No. of requests pending at end of last year	No. of requests received during the year	Total No. of requests	No. of requests disposed	No. of requests rejected	No. of requests deemed to be refused: Sec. 7(2)	% of cases access to information denied
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Agriculture							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	11	11	11	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arts & Culture							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	AH&Vety.							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate.of AH&Vety.	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
4	Border Areas Development							
	SecretariatvDeptt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
5	CM Secretariat							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
6	Cabinet Affairs							
	Secreatriat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
7	C & R D							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Directorate of C & R D	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh							
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara							
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkyrnrew	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	2	2	2	0	0	0

Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	19	19	19	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Songsak	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Amlarem	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Ranikor	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Dalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

	Officer, Khliehriat							
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Umling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cooperation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	2	2	2	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	3	3	3	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	District Council Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	JHADC	2	58	60	55	5	0	0
	GHADC	1	117	118	66	52	0	0
10	Education							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	38	38	38	0	0	0
	DERT	0	26	26	26	0	0	0
	MBOSE	0	7	7	7	0	0	40%
	DSEL	3	47	50	50	0	0	0
11	Elections							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
12	ERTS							
	Secretariat. Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of	0	5	5	5	0	0	0

	Taxes							
	Commissioner of Excise	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	23	23	23	0	0	0
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Finance							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Directorate of Small Savings							
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Finance (AF)	0	2	2	2	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)							
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Food & Civil Supplies							
	Sectt. Deptt.	0	64	64	64	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	64	64	64	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Forest & Envir.							

	Secretariat Deptt.	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	0	30	30	30	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Env.)	0	17	17	17	0	0	0
	O/o PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
	O/o PCCF (Territorial)	0	67	67	67	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	0	43	43	43	0	0	0
16	Fisheries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
17	GAD							
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
18	Home (Police)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	357	357	355	2	0	100%
	Director General of Police	0	357	357	355	2	0	100%
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
20	Home (Prisons)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
21	Home (Passport)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
22	Health & F.W.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	37	37	37	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	2	17	19	15	4	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	2	2	2	0	0	0

23	Housing							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	21	21	19	2	0	0
25	Information & Public Relations							
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
26	Information Technology & Communication							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
27	Law							
	Law (A)	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
28	Labour							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Office of the Administrative Medical Officer, Employees' State Insurance Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Labour Commissioner	0	13	13	13	0	0	0
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	5	20	25	20	5	0	0
30	Planning							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

	Directorate of Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Directorate.of Economics & Statistics	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	MEDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bio - Resource Development Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	3	3	2	1	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	41	41	40	1	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	25	25	25	0	0	0
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	35	35	35	0	0	0

	DC West Khasi Hills	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	3	120	123	104	19	0	18%
	DC East Garo Hills	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	DC South Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MPSC	0	26	26	26	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MATI	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	DC East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	DC North Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	1	1	1	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	6	6	6	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	1	1	1	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political							
	Secretariat Deptt.	1	8	9	9	0	0	0
33	PHE							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Chief Engineer	0	29	29	29	0	0	0
34	Power							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	3	14	17	15	2	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	1	5	6	4	2	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	3	25	28	28	0	0	0
35	Printing & Stationery							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
36	P.W.D.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	14	14	14	0	0	0
	CE PWD (NH)	0	26	26	26	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	9	9	9	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
37	Parliamentary Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0

	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
40	SAD							
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
42	Social Welfare							
	Secretariat Deptt.	2	4	6	6	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	19	19	17	2	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights							
	District Social Welfare Officer							
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell							
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)							
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection							
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong							

43	Soil & Water Conservation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water	1	16	17	16	1	0	0
44	Department of Textiles							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
45	Transport							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	5	9	14	14	0	0	0
	MTC	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Secretary State Transport Authority	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	56	56	49	7	0	0
46	Tourism							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	10	10	8	2	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
47	Urban Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	23	23	23	0	0	0

	Shillong Municipal Board	0	45	45	45	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board							
	MUDA	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board							
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department							
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	16	16	10	6	0	0
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	18	18	18	0	0	0
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan,	0	8	8	8	0	0	0
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
53	Water Resources Department	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	Total:	32	2612	2644	2529	115	0	2.58%

Nota Bene : NA = (Information) Not Available

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

Table 7.2.2

Year	Total no. of requests	No. of requests disposed	No. of requests rejected
2006	310	291	28
2007	537	492	10
2008	360	335	2
2009	676	652	4
2010	836	816	4
2011	1074	1051	7
2012	1289	1231	16
2013	1625	1546	30
2014	1816	1770	23
2015	2663	2601	6
2016	2132	2049	1
2017	5231	5150	81
2018	2611	2531	69
2019	3357	3225	67
2020	2644	2529	115

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

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

During the year, 191 appeals were preferred before the Departmental Appellate Authority (FAA) in the form of First Appeals under Section 19 (1) of the Act.

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

Table 7.3.1 Disposal of First Appeals by the First Appellate Authorities

(Reporting Year: 2020)

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

Nongpoh								
Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0
Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara								
Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project Director, East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawkynrew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	0	6	6	0	6	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Songsak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	0	5	5	5	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Amlarem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Dalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Block	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Development Officer, Umling							
8	Cooperation							
	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	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	District Council Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	JHADC	0	2	2	1	1	50%	0
	GHADC	0	10	10	0	10	0	0
10	Education							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MBOSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DSEL	7	6	13	6	7	0	0
11	Elections							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	ERTS							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration &	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Superintendent of Stamps							
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Finance							
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Small Savings							
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PR) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)							
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Food & Civil Supplies							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	20	20	20	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Forests & Envir.							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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 PCCF (CC, Research &	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Training)							
	O/o PCCF (Territorial)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Fisheries							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	GAD							
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Home (Police)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	0	3	3	3	0	0	0
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Home (Prisons)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Home (Passport)							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & FW							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	15	15	15	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Housing							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries							

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

	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Planning Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel							
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	0	14	14	14	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	3	3	3	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	7	7	7	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	PHE							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
34	Power							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Commissioner for Person with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights							
	District Social Welfare Officer							
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell							
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)							
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection							
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong							
43	Soil & Water Conservation							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	1	16	17	16	1	0	0
44	Department of Textiles							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture and Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
45	Transport							

	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secretary State Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	16	16	14	2	0	0
46	Tourism							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTDC ltd.	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
47	Urban Affairs							
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board							
	MUDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board							
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department							
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	State Information Commission							
53	Water Resources Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	8	183	191	164	26	50%	1

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 fourteen years

Table 7.3.2

Year	No. of First Appeals received	No. of First Appeals disposed	No. of First Appeals rejected
2006	21	20	1
2007	108	106	2
2008	23	23	0
2009	39	39	0
2010	42	36	6
2011	94	94	Nil
2012	118	117	1 no. carried over
2013	78	66	No. of disposals include pending ones of the previous year
2014	123	120	
2015	122	131	
2016	112	154	
2017	239	237	2
2018	77	71	6
2019	138	125	21
2020	191	164	27

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: 2020

Sl. No	Name of Department/ Public Authorities	Total No. of requests rejected	No. of requests rejected Section 8	No. of requests rejected Section 9	No. of requests rejected Section 11	No. of requests rejected Section 24	No. of requests rejected Other Sections
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Agriculture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Horticulture	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arts & Culture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	AH&Vety.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH&Vety.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Border Areas Development						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	CM Secretariat						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Cabinet Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	C&RD						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of C&RD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh						
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills,	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Jowai						
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara						
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	14	0	0	0	0	14
	Project Director South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynew	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer,	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Officer, Umling						
8	Cooperation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperarive Apex Bank Ltd.	3	3	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	District Council Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	JHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GHADC	2	2	0	0	0	0
10	Education						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DEPT	7	7	0	0	0	0
	MBOSE	3	0	0	0	0	3
DSEL	7	0	0	0	0	7	
11	Election						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	ERTS						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Excise	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

	(Territorial)						
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Fisheries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	GAD						
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Home (Police)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Director General of Police	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Home (Prisons)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Home (Passport)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & FW						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (MCH & FW)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Housing						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Information & Public Relations						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Information Technology & Communication						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Law						
	Law (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Law (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Labour						
	Secretariat 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	Mining & Geology						
	Secretariat Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Planning						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel						
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	1	1	0	0	0	0
	DC Ribhoi District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC West Khasi Hills	2	2	0	0	0	0
	DC West Garo Hills Tura	3	1	1	1	0	0
	DC East Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MPSC	12	10	0	0	0	2
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Personnel & AR	0	0	0	0	0	0

	(ARC) Deptt.						
	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	PHE						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Power						
	Secretariat Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector Inspectorate of Electricity, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Limited						
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Printing & Stationery						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	PWD						
	Secretariat.Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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	Parliamentary Affairs						
	Secretariat Dett.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dte.Land Records & Survey	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	SAD						
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Social Welfare						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	2	1	1	0	0	0
	Meghalaya State Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Board						
	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						
	District Social Welfare Officer						
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell						
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)						
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection						
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong						
43	Soil & Water Conservation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Department of Textiles						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Bagmara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer,	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Resubelpara						
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Transport						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Secretary, State Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	Tourism						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTDC Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Urban Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jowai Municipal Board						
	MUDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tura Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board						
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department						
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Meghalaya High Court	6	0	0	0	0	6

	Chief Judicial Magistrate	1	1	0	0	0	0
51	Governor's Secretariat Raj Bhavan, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Water Resources Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	65	28	2	1	0	34

Nota Bene : NA = (Information) Not Available

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

A total amount of Rs.71,408.00 was collected by the Public Information Officers/Public Authorities in the form of fees and charges during 2020. Out of which an amount of Rs. 4,421.00 was collected under Section 4(4), being the cost of the printed materials in which form the information was provided; an amount of Rs. 16,841.00 is collected being the application fees collected under Section 6(1); an amount of Rs. 26,855.00 was collected under Section 7(1) being the cost of the photo copies made; an amount of Rs. 9,188.00 was collected under section 7(5) being the cost of information provided in electronic format and an amount of Rs. 14,103.00 collected as miscellaneous charges by Public Information Officers and Public Authorities.

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

Table 7.5.1

Summary of Costs, Fees & Charges collected by Public Authorities

Reporting Year : 2020

Sl. No.	Name of Departments/ Public Authorities	Cost Collected Section 4(4)	Fee Collected Section 6(1)	Fee Collected Section 7(1)	Fee Collected Section 7(5)	Other charges collected (specify)	Total Collection
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Agriculture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Agriculture	0	100	2190	0	0	2290
	Directorate of Horticulture	0	0	0	0	30	30
	Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arts & Culture						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	AH&Vety.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of AH&Vety	0	80	0	0	0	80
	Directorate of Dairy Development	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Border Areas Development						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of BAD	226	76	66	56	0	424
5	C.M.Secretariat						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
6	Cabinet Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	10	408	0	0	418
7	C&RD						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	90	0	0	0	90
	Directorate of C&RD	10	0	0	34	0	44
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Project Director, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh						
	Project Director, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai	0	10	0	282	0	292

	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	0	10	0	0	154	164
	Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara						
	Project Director, West Garo Hills, Tura	0	140	0	0	0	140
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, South West Garo Hills, Ampati	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Project Director, East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynew	0	0	32	0	0	32
	Block Development Officer, Shella- Bholaganj	60	238	0	0	0	298
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	0	40	3938	0	0	3978
	Block Development Officer, Mawlai	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Khatarshnong Laitkhroh	0	0	0	0	626	626
	Block Development Officer, Sohiong	0	90	0	556	0	646
	Block Development Officer, Pynursla	20	837	0	0	0	857
	Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein	0	190	0	0	0	190
	Block Development Officer, Mawthadraishan	36	10	0	0	0	46

	Block Development Officer, Mairang	0	30	4071	0	0	4101
	Block Development Officer, Mawshynrut	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dambo-Rongjeng	0	20	0	30	0	50
	Block Development Officer, Songsak	396	10	0	0	0	406
	Block Development Officer, Chokpot	235	10	0	0	0	245
	Block Development Officer, Nongstoin	0	20	0	0	52	72
	Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	50	0	0	0	147	197
	Block Development Officer, Jirang	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Umsning	0	0	100	0	0	100
	Block Development Officer, Amlarem	10	50	0	0	0	60
	Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Dalu	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Block Development Officer, Khliehriat	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Block Development Officer, Saipung	0	60	0	0	0	60
	Block Development Officer, Umling	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cooperation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	0	20	700	0	0	720
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MECOFED Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSHF Coop.Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSCU Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.	0	30	0	0	0	30
	MEGHALOOM Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd.	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	District Council Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	KHADC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	JHADC	2	458	232	194	0	886
	GHADC	348	448	348	348	10	1502
10	Education						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	DHTE	0	90	700	0	0	790
	DERT	0	190	1076	0	0	1266
	MBOSE	0	70	0	0	0	70
	DSEL	70	60	60	2138	10	2338
11	Election						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Deputy Commissioners	0	30	0	0	0	30
12	ERTS						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commissioner of Taxes	0	50	16	0	0	66
	Commissioner of Excise	0	40	0	8	0	48
	Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	416	20	226	20	0	682
	Directorate of Meghalaya State Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Meghalaya Commission of Resource Mobilization	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Finance						
	Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries	0	0	0	0	60	60
	Directorate of Small Savings						
	Directorate of Institutional Finance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (EC 1) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Economic Affairs) Deptt.	86	10	0	0	0	96
	Finance (PR) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Establishment) Department	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (AF)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (PC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Finance (Budget)						
	Finance (EC II)	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Food & Civil Supplies						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	160	114	0	2654	2928
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	0	160	114	0	2654	2928
	Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Forest & Envir.						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o PCCF & HoFF	0	160	166	0	0	326
	O/o Addl. PCCF (Social Forestry & Environment)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O/o PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	0	0	10	0	0	10
	O/o PCCF (Territorial)	0	280	516	430	0	1226
	O/o Addl. PCCF	0	70	0	0	0	70

	(WL & CWLW)						
16	Fisheries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Fisheries	70	0	0	0	1000	1070
17	GAD						
	Office Estate Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Zila Sainik Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAD (B)	0	10	32	0	0	42
	GAD (A)	0	0	20	710	0	730
18	Home (Police)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	120	1664	0	0	10	1794
	Director General of Police	120	1664	0	0	10	1794
19	Home Guards & Civil Defence						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards	0	10	10	10	0	30
20	Home (Prisons)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Inspector General of Prisons	0	40	0	0	0	40
21	Home (Passport)						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Health & FW						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	DHS (MI)	226	30	0	0	0	256
	DHS (MCH & FW)	20	352	0	0	0	372
	DHS (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Housing						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Housing	0	30	0	310	0	340
	Meghalaya State Housing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	D.C. Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Commerce & Industries						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Commerce & Industries	0	130	18	0	0	148

25	Information & Public Relations						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of IPR	0	10	0	0	0	10
26	Information Technology & Communication						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Law						
	Law (A)	0	40	0	0	0	40
	Law (B)	0	10	20	0	0	30
28	Labour						
	Secretariat Deptt.	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	10	0	0	0	10
	Labour Commissioner	130	0	0	0	0	130
	Commandant Meghalaya Civil Task Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Mining & Geology						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	0	140	0	0	771	911
30	Planning						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	40	40	40	0	120
	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, Shillong	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Science & Technology Cell	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Planning Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Planning (Research)	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Personnel						
	Personnel & AR (A)	0	50	0	40	0	90
	Personnel & AR (B)	0	10	212	0	0	222
	DC EK Hills, Shillong	496	3932	198	0	264	4890
	DC Ribhoi District	0	140	262	0	0	402
	DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	0	160	368	282	0	810
	DC West Khasi Hills	0	190	80	1372	0	1642
	DC West Garo Hills, Tura	446	320	1088	10	2166	4030
	DC East Garo Hills	0	90	0	0	0	90
	DC South Garo Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MPSC	0	260	0	148	0	408
	Commissioner of Divisions Shillong	0	10	0	0	0	10
	Personnel AR (ARC) Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MATI	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DC South West Khasi Hills District	0	40	220	20	2420	2700
	DC East Jaintia	0	10	0	0	0	10

	Hills District, Khliehriat						
	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	0	60	0	980	0	1040
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Raksamgre	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Mawshynrut	20	0	0	44	0	64
	SDO (C) Pynursla	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Chokpot	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SDO (C) Ranikor	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All India Service Pre-Examination Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Political						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	90	0	80	0	170
33	PHE						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chief Engineer	180	60	0	12	268	520
34	Power						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MSERC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MNREDA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Electrical Inspector, Inspectorate of Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	136	80	0	0	0	216
	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited	0	12	0	0	0	12
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited	0	320	874	0	0	1194

35	Printing & Stationery						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	0	20	0	0	0	20
36	PWD						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD(R)	0	10	0	0	0	10
	CE PWD (NH)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CE PWD (B)	0	30	0	0	0	30
	Meghalaya Govt. Construction Corporation Ltd.	0	146	0	0	0	146
37	Parliamentary Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Revenue & Disaster Management						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	74	0	0	0	74
	Meghalaya Board of Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Land Records & Survey	0	10	18	0	0	28
40	SAD						
	SAD (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SAD (E)	0	10	0	0	627	637
	SAD (N)	0	10	0	0	0	10
	SAD (R)	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Sports & Youth Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	20	0	0	0	20
	Directorate of Sports & YA	0	20	0	0	0	20
42	Social Welfare						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Social Welfare	0	60	60	0	0	120
	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	20	20
	State Commission						

	for Protection of Child Rights						
	District Social Welfare Officer						
	District Programme Officer ICDS Cell						
	Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)						
	Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection						
	Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong						
43	Soil & Water Conservation						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation	10	160	1570	0	0	1740
44	Department of Textiles						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving, Department of Textiles	0	10	0	0	0	10
	District Sericulture Officer, Nongpoh	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Jowai	0	10	0	0	0	10
	District Sericulture Officer, Baghmara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Resubelpara	0	0	0	0	0	0
	District Sericulture Officer, Tura	0	40	0	0	0	40
45	Transport						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	40	0	0	0	40
	Commissioner of Transport	0	90	252	0	0	342
	MTC	0	20	0	0	0	20

	Secretary, State Transport Authority	0	80	0	0	0	80
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	110	350	0	0	50	510
46	Tourism						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Directorate of Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MTDC ltd.	0	50	84	0	0	134
47	Urban Affairs						
	Secretariat Deptt.	0	40	16	0	0	56
	Directorate of Urban Affairs	232	0	0	0	0	232
	Shillong Municipal Board	0	380	0	0	0	380
	Jowai Municipal Board						
	MUDA	0	10	22	0	0	32
	Tura Municipal Board	0	60	0	60	0	120
	Williamnagar Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Resubelpara Municipal Board						
	Meghalaya Urban Development Agency, Shillong	0	0	76	0	0	76
	Baghmara Municipal Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Legal Metrology Department						
	Controller of Legal Metrology	0	10	26	0	0	36
49	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	130	0	0	0	100	230
50	Meghalaya High Court	0	150	0	0	0	150
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	0	210	60	0	0	270
51	Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Shillong	0	20	0	0	0	20
52	Meghalaya State Information Commission	10	0	0	0	0	10
53	Water Resources Department	0	100	6146	974	0	7220

	Total	4421	16841	26855	9188	14103	71408
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Nota Bene: NA = (Information) Not Available

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

Table 7.6.1 below shows the names of the Departments and Public Authorities who failed to furnish the requisite information for incorporating the same in the Annual Report 2020.

Sl.No.	Name of the Department	Name of the defaulter Public Authority
1	C&RD	Project Director, Ribhoi District, Nongpoh
		Project Director, South Garo Hills, Baghmara
2	Finance (Budget) Deptt.	Secretariat Deptt.
		Directorate of Small Savings
3	Social Welfare Deptt.	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
		District Social Welfare Officer
		District Programme Officer ICDS Cell
		Child Welfare & Probation Officer I/c Observation Home (Boys)
		Superintendent Training for Self Employment of Women in need of Care & Protection
		Superintendent Observation Home (G) Shillong
4	Urban Affairs	Jowai Municipal Board
		Resubelpara Municipal Board

Chapter 8

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

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

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Sl. No.	Name of Departments/ Public Authorities	Key initiatives undertaken during the year / Remarks
1	2	3
1	Agriculture	
	Directorate of Horticulture	Care has been taken for proper record management and for smooth and transparent disclosure of information. Reply was provided as per the request tendered by the person concern.
2	Arts & Culture	
	Secretariat Department	Separate Register being maintained for all RTI related records. Computerized.
	Directorate of Arts & Culture	Separate Register being maintained for all RTI related records. Computerized.
3	AH&Vety.	
	Directorate of AH & Vety	All efforts are made to provide the information under Right to Information Act within the stipulated time period.
4	Border Areas Development	
	Directorate of Border Areas Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detail records on the implementation of schemes, office expenditures and other official related matters is maintained in an organized manner. 2. As far as practicable, official records are computerized. 3. Pro-active disclosure is made in the form of displaying the list of schemes implemented in the Notice Board of the office for public information are displayed in office notice board and separate office file is being maintained. 4. Files and records pertaining to implementation of schemes under BADP and ISBADP are available and maintained in the office. 5. Suo Moto disclosed by displaying various schemes undertaken by the Department in the Notice board for Public Information. 6. Feedback is given and will always be ready to support Appellate Authorities on any matter concerning the Department with regards to implementation of the RTI Act. 7. Voluntary Organizations and other NGOs are encouraged to use the RTI Act, 2005 for any matter or grievance with regard to schemes or Department. 8. Information displayed on office Notice Board for public Awareness. Records from office is being made readily available to general public, conducting social audits annually etc.

		9. Implementation of schemes published through notice board records are readily available for inspection compilation and networking yet to be done.
		10. The office has put up the list of schemes along with the amount sanctioned in the office notice board and has also been uploaded in the website for public scrutiny.
5	C&RD	
	Secretariat Dept.	1. Necessary steps has been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act. 2. Maintenance of Record management of RTI Register to quick disposal of information.
	Project Director, East Khasi Hills, Shillong	Record Management
	Project Director, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar	Applicant applied by giving fees seeking information and relevant information giving within 30 days.
	Project Director, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat	Uploading of key benefits implemented through the Department in the Portal of South West Khasi Hills District (Disclosure of information).
	Block Development Officer, Mawkynrew	Record Management
	Block Development Officer, Myllem	Record Management
	Block Development Officer, Pynursla	Record Management Register maintained accordingly in the Office of PIO/BDO.
	Block Development Officer, Dambo- Rongjeng	All the required information were furnished within time limit.
	Block Development Officer, Mawkyrwat	Timely disposal of RTI.
	Block Development Officer, Bajengdoba	Public awareness.
6	Cooperation	
	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Pro-active mechanism has been put in place for disseminate information as and when applications are obtained.
	Meghalaya State Warehousing Corporation	Proper record management process is in place. The accounts of the Corporation etc. is computerized.
	MECOFED Ltd.	Every step is taken to keep and maintain all records in order so as to facilitate any information that may be furnished as and when required.
	The Meghalaya Cooperative Apex	Necessary steps for prompt disclosure of information have been taken.

	Bank Ltd.	
7	Education	
	DHTE	All information on public interest like advertisements, public notices, Merit Lists of students selected have been uploaded on the website of the Department.
	DEPT	Updated content with regards to Directorate on Suo moto disclosures.
	MBOSE	Records are maintained in the RTI File.
	DSEL	The R.T.I application thus received is recorded in the received Register duly seal after prior initial from the Head office and P.I.O. concerned.
		File index was prepared.
		All records are filed in the file as per index.
		All documents are retained in soft copies as well as hard copies.
		Records are computerized and access to records has been made easily.
		All important Circulars/Notifications and orders are displayed in the Notice Board.
All RTI request received during the year 2020 (January to December) has been disposed of and there is no Application left pending.		
All cases related to RTI Act, 2005 are disposed of in time and records are kept at office both soft copy and hard copy.		
8	Elections	
	Deputy Commissioners	Replied to Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Deputy Headman, C/o Harijan Panchayat Committee, Harijan Colony, Bara Bazar, Shillong vide letter No.SHEL.V/63/2016/82 dated 3.11.2020.
		As per Scheduled of Summary Revision received from Election Commission of India Form 6,7,8,8A filed are being maintained. Manuscript pertaining to Revision Programme from time to time.
		Maintenance of Register pertaining to issue of EPIC.
		Stock Register of EVMs maintained.
		Hard & Soft copy of Electoral Roll (Photo & Normal) are being maintained in respect to Revision Programme as announced by Election Commission of India.
		All important matters relating to Electoral Rolls etc. being uploaded on ECI/CEO's websites.
9	ERTS	
Inspector General of Registration & Superintendent of Stamps	Suo-Motu disclosures will be sent to the District Informatics Officer, Nongstoin to display in the District website for documents required by this office for the reporting year 2020.	
	Most of the information generally sought for are put on the official website or notice board which generally reduces the RTI application.	
10	Finance	
	Finance (Establishment) Department	Necessary steps have been taken to provide the information within the stipulated time as per provision of the Act.
	Directorate of Local Fund Audit	Necessary step has been taken to provide within the information with the stipulated time as per provision of the act.
	Finance (Budget)	
11	Food & Civil Supplies	
	Secretariat Deptt.	RTI applications are disposed of in time.
	Directorate of Food & Civil Supplies	RTI applications are disposed of in time.
12	Forest & Envir.	

	O/o PCCF & HoFF	Maintain and Record in the register.
	O/o PCCF (CC, Research & Training)	Register of records of application received/disposed and application fees is being maintained both in hard and soft copy.
	O/o PCCF (Territorial)	Maintain and Record in the register.
	O/o Addl. PCCF (WL & CWLW)	Office record are properly kept/maintained and computerized.
13	GAD	
	GAD (A)	1. Necessary steps has been taken to supply the information to the public in time as per provision of the Act.
		2. Maintenance of Record management of RTI Register for quick disposal of information.
14	Home (Police)	
	Secretariat Department	The initiative is to submit the reply to the concerned authority in a stipulated time bound period.
		The RTI application received during the year 2020 is being disposed accordingly.
		Effort was made to improve record keeping and to start Suo Moto disclosure of information like displacing of some information on the offices Notice Boards, so that information was properly pressure and general public can have access to information display.
		All information sought has been replied accordingly,
		All efforts being made to ensure that all queries under the Act are addressed to within the stipulated time without any unnecessary delay(s).
		All information sought were promptly replied and addressed to.
		Efforts is on to fully implement the RTI Act.
		During the year 2020, one request case have been received and prompt disposal of the cases have already been taken.
	Director General of Police	The initiative is to submit the reply to the concerned authority in a stipulated time bound period.
		The RTI application received during the year 2020 is being disposed accordingly.
		Effort was made to improve record keeping and to start Suo Moto disclosure of information like displacing of some information on the offices Notice Boards, so that information was properly pressure and general public can have access to information display.
		All information sought has been replied accordingly,
		All efforts being made to ensure that all queries under the Act are addressed to within the stipulated time without any unnecessary delay(s).
		All information sought were promptly replied and addressed to.
		Efforts is on to fully implement the RTI Act.
		During the year 2020, one request case have been received and prompt disposal of the cases have already been taken.
15	Home (Prisons)	
	Inspector General of Prisons	Records manage in the Register.

16	Housing	
	Directorate of Housing	Care has been taken for Proper Record Management And Networking has improved the smooth and transparent disclosure of information.
17	Labour	
	Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training	1) Framing and uploading of Citizens' Charter in the Directorate Web's Portal. 2) Framing of Result Frame Work Document.
	Chief Inspector of Boilers and Factories	Material, required information have been supplied to NIC Department for creation of Department website to comply with Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005 in which the same is under process.
18	Mining & Geology	
	Secretariat Deptt.	Records, Management are maintained in a register.
	Directorate of Mineral Resources	Record, Management, Computerizing and networking is still going on.
19	Planning	
	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.
	State Council of Science & Technology & Environment	RTI Act implemented as per rules Records Management-maintained computerization & Networking Suo Moto Disclosures etc.
	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	(1) Construction of Digital Planetarium at NEHU, Tura. (2) Several online workshops were conducted during the year. (3) Development of PPE Kits, liquid soap and plastic chamber.
	Meghalaya Basin Development Authority	Ongoing.
	District Planning Officer	Any matter relating to RTI are given top most priority and are disposed off immediately. Regarding basic information (under Sou Moto disclosures) are updated from time to time in the official website of the District through the PIO of the District. Brief introduction in respect of this office was uploaded in the district's website by NIC, Jowai such as :- a) Aims & Objectives b) Functions c) Details of Appellate Authority, PIO and Asstt. PIO's. Schemes and Programmes implementing by this office. Nothing in particular worth mentioning. 1) Any schemes/projects implemented by the Deptt. Is widely advertised through local newspaper/banners/posters etc. 2) Information sought through RTI are disposed off/furnished on time. Proactive disclosure of information under Section 4(1) B of the RTI Act, 2005.
20	Personnel	
	Deputy Commissioner,	Replied to Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Deputy Headman, Harijan Panchayat Committee vide letter No.SHEL.V/63/2016/82, dated

East Khasi Hills, Shillong	03.11.2020.
	Replied to Shri Raju Singh, S/o (L) Baldev Singh, Harijan Colony, Bara Bazar, Shillong vide letter No.E.16.17/2020/8, dated 03.12.2020.
	Result declared for the post of Assistant Instructor (Leather) and Skilled Assistant (Weaving) by DSC and the names of selected candidates were disclose in the Notice Board as well as through the Office Website.
	Replied to Shri Saul Chisim Sangma, Telsora 'A' B.P.O., East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
DC West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Brief introduction in respect of this office is being upload in the District's website by NIC, Jowai such as (a) Aims and Objectives (b) Functions (c) Details of FAA/PIO/APIO (d) Scheme & programmes implementing by this Office.
	Files & records pertaining to implementation under SCA are available and maintained in the Office.
	Sou 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 Organisations and other NGOs are encouraged to use RTI Act, 2005 for any matter or grievance with regard to Schemes or Department.
	List of beneficiaries generated online. Grievances can be lodge online.
	Allotment of foodgrains to wholesaler/Fair Price Shop.
Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills	Proactive disclosure of Information under Section 4(1)B of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
	All application filed under RTI Act, 2005 have already been disposed off in time.
	Suo moto disclosures will be sent to DIO, Nongstoin to display in the District Website for document registered by this office for the reporting year 2020.
	Record is being maintained and prepared for suo moto declaration under Section 4 RTI Act.
DC West Garo Hills, Tura	Prompt disposal of RTI.
	Record Management.
	Replies to the information seeking under RTI has been furnished to the respective applicants in due time.
	No expenditure mode due to non-availability of fund for the year 2020.
MATI	All RTI reply have been furnished within the permissible period prescribed under the rules.
	1. No training on RTI Act, 2005 at District, Sub Division and Block Level has been conducted during the year 2020 due to the pandemic. 2. Training on Online Portal of the RTI was conducted on the 20 th and 21 st of February for PIOs and Nodal Officers of the Directorates and other Administrative Departments of the Government of Meghalaya.
DC South West Khasi Hills	Sou moto disclosure have been uploaded in the District Website.
	No Officer initiative during the year 2020.

	District	Records are being properly maintained and computerization of Judicial Branch is also undertaken for important file.
	DC South West Garo Hills, Ampati	Computerize recording of RTI were maintained by the respective branch, PIO/APIO, office of the D.C., South West Garo Hills, Ampati.
	SDO (C) Dadenggre	Since all the departmental Schemes and follow of action on different Schemes are uploaded in the Departmental website and kept in public domain, we have not received any RTI during 2021.
21	Political	
	Secretariat Deptt.	All information requested by applicants have been provided.
22	PHE	
	Chief Engineer	Transparency. Necessary information have been displayed in the office notice board. Information regarding implementation of scheme/projects have been fed online. Information were provided to RTI activist as per the requirement.
23	Power	
	MNREDA	Due to Covid-19, only one appellant was received during the year in the month of January.
	Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited	Online reply to applicants wherever accessible.
	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited	Record Management.
24	Printing & Stationery	
	Directorate of Printing & Stationery	1. All information Departments and the Meghalaya Gazette are being posted in the Website for Public Awareness. 2. This Directorate of Printing & Stationery has recently incorporated a "Government Braille Press" through the direct funding from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. 3. Installation of Automatic Plate Processor for developing of Plate from Manual to Automatic Developing. 4. Braille Press is set up through direct funding from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and now functional.
25	PWD	
	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.	1. To carry out the construction activities, like buildings, roads, bridges, culverts etc. allotted and entrusted by the different Departments of the State Government with Plan an Estimates prepared on the basis of PWD's Schedule of Rates (SOR). 2. To create employment opportunities. 3. To avoid recurring problems of getting fund lapsed due to delay in implementation of various schemes by different Departments of the State Government.
26	Revenue &	

	Disaster Management	
	Directorate Land Records & Survey	Land Records Management.
27	Social Welfare	
	Directorate of Social Welfare	1. Record of requests for information and disposal of requests are being maintained in the Registers. 2. Maintenance of Appropriate Register under RTI Act, 2005 by the Public Authorities in Accordance with the Proforma. 3. Office Staff were orientated to facilitate collection of information by any body interested/desired on to maintain transparency. 4. All request received during the year 2020 has been disposed during the same year.
28	Soil & Water Conservation	
	Directorate of Soil & Water	All relevant records are kept properly in document. Further information sought by applicants under R.T.I. Act, 2005 could be disposed accordingly. SOU MOTO DISCLOSURES. Prompt action taken on all queries.
29	Transport	
	Commissioner of Transport	Notification etc has been issue to all concern during the year, 2020.
	District Transport Officer & Regional Transport Authority	Notification etc of the RTI Act duly publish and displayed in the Notice Board. Key initiatives under taken during the year. Immediate response & action taken on information sought. Taken up, the matter with post office for delaying the letters in delivery direction of the office staff to take immediate action on information sought with the computerization it is getting easier to get the information by Email etc.
30	Meghalaya High Court	
	Chief Judicial Magistrate	Public are made aware of the Right to seek information under the Right to Information Act during Legal awareness programmes conducted by District Legal Services Authority, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh. All the required reports and RTI filed was replied and sent on time.
31	Water Resources Department	Information was provided to all the RTI applications within the stipulated time during the year 2020 and records are also maintained by the Department.

“Sir, it has been found that it is not enough that Governments should go to the people once in five years. It is necessary to find other means of empowering our citizens to feel that processes of governance truly serve the public purpose. The right to information is a quest for

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

Important provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005

- The Act was enacted with a view to set out a practical regime for the citizens to secure information as a matter of right.

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

any penalty is imposed on him: provided further that the burden of proving that he acted reasonably and diligently shall be on the PIO. The State Information Commission shall recommend for disciplinary action against the PIO under the service rules applicable to him, besides pecuniary penalty {Section 20 (1) & (2)}.