

NAGALAND INFORMATION COMMISSION
OLD SECRETARIAT COMPLEX,
POST BOX NO. 148
NAGALAND
KOHIMA – 797001

No. NIC/Compln-9/2007

Dated Kohima, the 12th September, 2007

APPELLANT

:

**Shri Chubatangit,
Ex. General Secretary, District
Voluntary Consumer Organisation
Mokokchung, Nagaland.**

RESPONDENT

:

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

Department of School Education
Office of the Director of School Education
Government of Nagaland, Kohima.

**Date of Hearing - 3.8.2007
Date of Decision - 12.9.2007**

Facts

The Appellant Shri Chubatangit submitted an application dated 31.5.2007 under RTI to the Public Information Officer of Directorate of School Education Kohima, Nagaland on 18.6.2007, requesting information regarding deduction of 50% from SSA Fund provided to the Village Education Councils for construction of School Buildings under Mokokchung District.

On not receiving any response from the Public Information Officer within the prescribed 30 days, the applicant submitted an appeal to the Commission on 20.7.2007, requesting for necessary orders. The Commission treated it as complaint under Section 18 of the Act.

The matter was heard by the full Commission on 3.8.2007.

The following were present.

1. Shri Chubatangit, Ex. General Secretary, District Voluntary Consumer Organisation Mokokchung, Nagaland.
2. Smti. Angau, Mission Director SSA and 2 Officers.

Both the parties were given opportunity to make their statements and heard.

The Commission pointed out that in the RTI application dated 31.5.2007 submitted to the Public Information Officer on 18.6.2007 and in the appeal to the Commission dated 20.7.2007, many issues were raised and hence the Appellant was asked to clearly pinpoint the precise information he had sought. He stated the information sought was whether there was any direction from the higher authority to deduct 50% from the SSA funds provided to VEC for construction of School Buildings under Mokokchung District. He had been given some information by SSA, SMA reply dated 25.7.2007 which are only receipts and not relevant.

Smti. Angau, Mission Director, SSA SMA appearing for the Department on behalf of the PIO, stated that they had orally informed the applicant that no such direction had been given for 50% deduction from SSA funds.

The Commission directed the Respondent Public Authority to furnish the information sought in written to the Appellant and confirm.

Decision

The Commission note that the Public Information Officer of the Respondent Public Authority had not informed the Commission whether the information sought has been furnished as directed, till date.

The RTI application of 31.5.2007 was received in the Department on 18.6.2007 and the information sought should have been furnished to the applicant within the prescribed 30 days, by 18.7.2007.

The Public Information Officer of the Respondent Public Authority is directed to appear in person before the Commission, at 1130 hours on 19.9.2007

to –

1. Confirm the furnishing of information to the applicant as directed by the Commission
2. Inform the Commission whether mechanism has been set up and office sensitized to deal with RTI applications

Pronounced in open proceedings today.

Copies be given to

1. The Parties
2. The Director of School Education
3. The Mission Director, SSA, SMA.
4. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of School Education, Nagaland, Kohima.

Sd/- P. TALITEMJEN AO
Chief Information Commissioner,
Nagaland.

Sd/-
REV. DR. W. PONGSING KONYAK
State Information Commissioner,
Nagaland.

Sd/-
DR. KUHOI K ZHIMOMI
State Information Commissioner,
Nagaland.

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Sr. P.S. to Chief Information Commissioner,
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