



Annual Report 2023-2024

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Introduction

With an intention to provide for setting out a practical regime of Right to Information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities and in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every Public Authority and to empower the citizen to fight against corruption, the RTI Act, 2005 was passed by Parliament on 12th May, 2005 and received Presidential assent on 15th June, 2005.

The Right to Information Act covers a wide range of institutions. All departments and undertakings of the Central and State Governments, institutions, agencies and other bodies established, constituted, owned, controlled or substantially financed by Governments including non- governmental organizations are covered by the Act.

Section 2 (j) – Every citizen of India has the right to information accessible under the Act which is held by or under the control of any public authority and includes the right to –

- (i) Inspection of work, documents, records;
- (ii) Taking notes extracts or certified copies of documents or records:
- (iii) Taking certified samples of materials;
- (iv) Obtaining information in the form of diskettes, floppies, tapes, video cassettes or in any other electronic mode or through printouts where such information is stored in a computer or in any other device;

The Sikkim Information Commission was constituted on 12/07/2006 vide Government of Sikkim Notification No.27/Gen/DOP dated: 05/08/2006. At present Shri Y.P Gurung, IFS Secretary (Retd.) is the Chief Information Commissioner and Shri Kuber Bhandari, Secretary (Retd.) is the State Information Commissioner. The Commission receives complaints and appeals, adjudicates, compiles reports received from the various public authorities and based on the reports makes recommendations to the State Government for an effective implementation of the RTI Act, 2005 within the State. The Commission strives to be ahead in compliance with the access to RTI Act, 2005 specifically in terms of promptness in delivering justice in all its fairness and impartial manner.

The Annual Report for the year 2023-2024 has been prepared on the basis of data received from the Government Departments and Public Authorities under section 25(2) of the said Act.

CHAPTER - I

(I) Sikkim Information Commission

The duties and functions of the Sikkim Information Commission is to conduct efficient and fair examination into the complaints/ appeals of access to information by the public. The Commission also strives to ensure compliance of the Act by the public authorities through disclosure of information to promote transparency and accountability of the working of all public authorities.

The following manpower has been posted for the effective and smooth functioning of the Commission:-

Sl.No	Post	Existing Strength
1.	Secretary	1
2.	Deputy Secretary	1
3.	Dy. Registrar cum Law Officer	1
4.	Sr. Private Secretary	1
5.	Private Secretary	1
6.	Stenographer Grade-I	1
7.	Sr. Accountant	1
8.	Jr. Accountant	1
9.	Accounts Clerks	1
10.	Programmer	1
11.	Office Superintendant	3
12.	Head Assistant	1
13.	Upper Divisional Clerk	1
14.	Office Assistant	2
15.	Driver	3
16.	Office Attendant	2

List of Officers and staff posted in the Commission

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Duration
1.	1. Smt K. D. Rechung, SCS 2. Shri C. S. Rao, IFS 3. Smt Roshni Rai, SCS	Secretary Pr. Secretary Secretary	01.04.2023 to 07.05.2023 08.05.2023 to 31.10.2023 01.11.2023 till date
2.	1. Smt Paru Rai 2. Ms Pranita Ghimiray, SCS	Deputy Secretary Deputy Secretary	01.04.2023to 02.06.2023 06.06.2023 till date
3.	Smt Tshering Choden Bhutia	Law Officer	
4.	Shri Bhim Lall Nepal	Sr. Private Secretary	
5.	Smt Hem Kumari Tewari	Private Secretary	
6.	Mrs Pratiwa Bantawa	Sr. Accountant	
7.	Smt Sikha Rai	Office Superintendent-I	
8.	Smt Bishnu Bagdas	Office Superintendent-II	
9.	Smt Pramila Rai	Office Superintendent-III	
10.	Shri Raju Chettri	Stenographer-I	
11.	Shri Arjun Rai	Programmer	
12.	Shri Dawa Lama Tamang	Head Assistant	
13.	Shri Harka Raj Rai	Jr. Accountant	
14.	Shri Ashif Tamang	Upper Divisional Clerk	
15.	Shri Tenzing Lepcha	Office Assistant	
16.	Smt Netra Chettri	Office Assistant	
17.	Ms Rinzin Chhoden Bhutia	Accounts Clerk	
18.	Smt Khush Maya Sunar	Office Attendant	
19.	Shri Wangyal Bhutia	Office Attendant	
20.	Shri Padam Kumar Darjee	Driver	
21.	Shri Sanjeev Bardewa	Driver	
22.	Shri Bhim Kumar Chettri	Driver	
23.	Shri Sunil Rai	Computer Operator (M.R)	
24.	Smt Dawa Lhamu Sherpa	Office Assistant (OFOJ)	
25.	Smt Mary Rana	Office Assistant (OFOJ)	
26.	Ms Maya Rai	Office Assistant (M.R)	
27.	Smt Manita Gurung	Office Assistant (Adhoc)	
28.	Ms Kalzang Palmoo Bhutia	Office Assistant (M.R)	
29.	Shri Dal Bdr. Chettri	Driver	
30.	Shri Sonam Dawa Bhutia	Driver	
31.	Shri Dupchen Machangpa	Driver	
32.	Shri Ashish Gurung	Driver	
33.	Ms Phuty Sherpa	Office Attendant	
34.	Shri Karma Thendup Bhutia	Office Attendant	
35.	Smt Narmita Gurung	Office Attendant	
36.	Smt Rebecca Gurung	Office Attendant	
37.	Smt Lhaden Bhutia	Office Attendant	
38.	Smt Ambika Rai	Home Guard	

39.	Shri Ugen Gyatso Ladingpa	Home Guard
40.	Shri Kushal Gurung	Home Guard
41.	Shri Gyalpo Lepcha	Chowkidar (M.R)
42.	Smt Sarika Balmiki	Safaikarmachari

Nature of Appointment of Employees in the Commission

(A) Regular employees

Sl. No.	Category	Deputation	Transfer	Appointed in SIC
1.	Group – A	-	1	-
2.	Group –B	1	2	1
3.	Group – C	3	6	6
4.	Group - D	-	1	1

(B) Muster Roll

Sl. No.	Category	No. of staff
1.	Group – C	06
2.	Group – D	03

(C)OFOJ Employee

Sl. No.	Category	No. of staff
1.	Group – C	02

(D) Adhoc employee

Sl. No.	Category	No. of staff
1.	Group – C	02
2.	Group – D	03

(E) Home Guard

Sl. No.	Category	No. of staff
1.	Home Guard	03

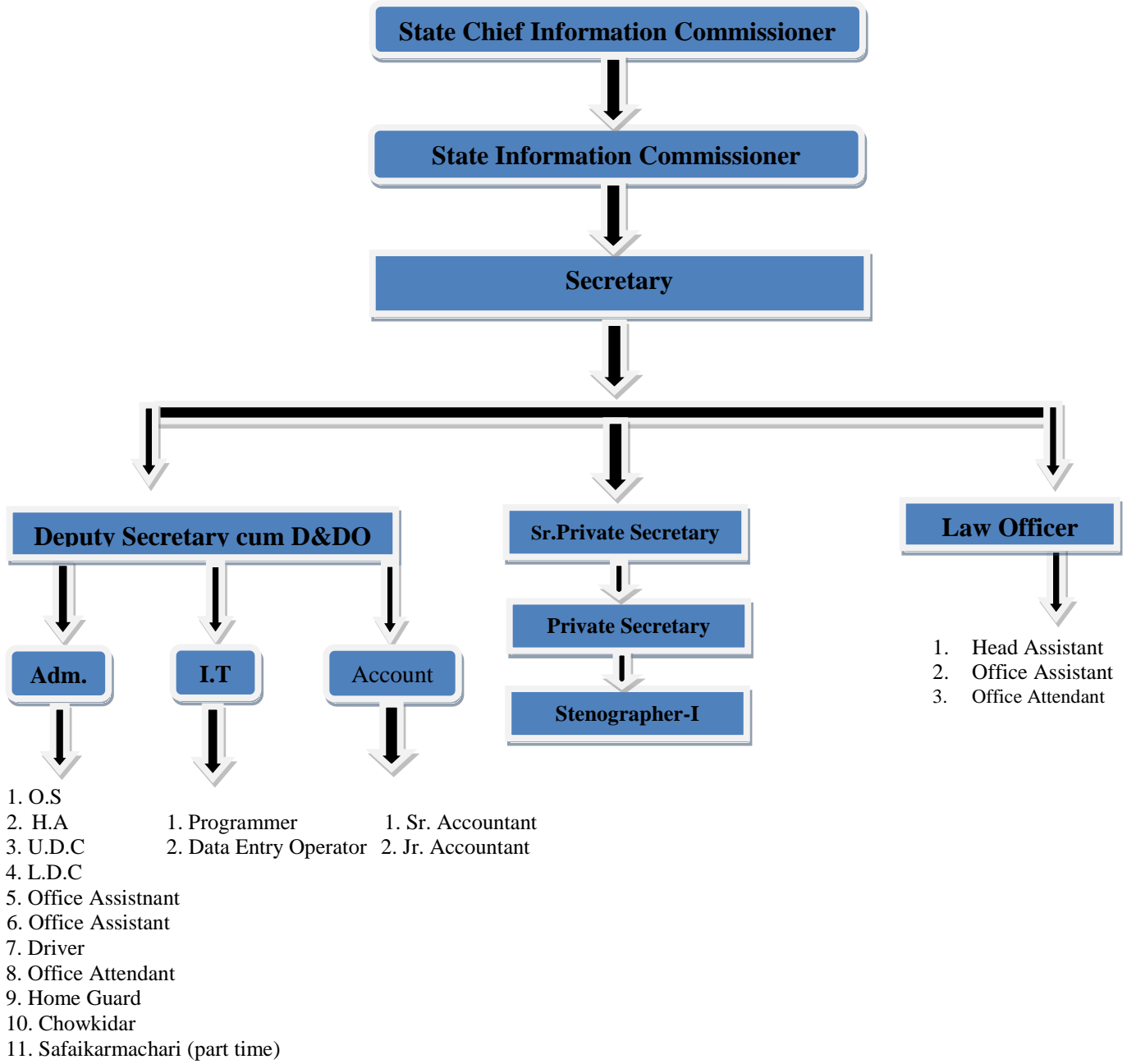
(F) Safaikarmachari (Part Time)

Sl. No.	Category	No. of staff
1.	Safaikarmchari (Part time)	01

Office Structure

The Commission has three division viz. Administrative Legal/Adjudicatory and Finance.

ORGANIZATION CHART



(II) Powers and functions of the SCIC, Officers and Employees of SIC U/s 4 (1) (b) (ii)

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Powers & Functions
1.	Shri Y.PGurung, IFS Secretary (Retd.)	State Chief Information Commissioner	Under sub-Section (4) of Section 15 of the RTI Act, 2005, the general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the State Information Commission in Sikkim, vests upon the State Chief Information Commissioner and may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things which may be exercised or done by the State Information Commission autonomously without being subjected to directions by any other authority as under this Act.
2.	Shri C.P.Dhakal, Secretary, (Retd.)	Information Commissioner	Under sub section (4) of section 15 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 the State Information Commissioner shall assist the State Chief Information Commissioner in the general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the State Information Commission.

Administration

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Duration	Duties/Responsibilities
1.	1. Smt K. D. Rechung, SCS 2. Shri C. S. Rao, IFS 3. Smt Roshni Rai, SCS	Secretary Pr. Secretary Secretary	01.04.2023 to 07.05.2023 08.05.2023 to 31.10.2023 01.11.2023 till date	She is the head of the Commission and is in-charge of all administrative and account works. She communicates with other State Information Commissions and Central Information Commission.
2.	1. Smt Paru Rai 2. Ms Pranita Ghimiray, SCS	Deputy Secretary Deputy Secretary	01.04.2023 to 02.06.2023 06.06.2023 till date	All administrative works. Drawing & Disbursing Officer. State Public Information Officer of the Commission. Entrusted with the implementation of schemes & promotional activities of the Commission.
3.	Shri Bhim Lall Nepal	Sr. Private Secretary		PS to the State Information Commissioner. Manages the correspondence of the Information Commissioner and the Commission. Any other assignments as and when directed by the Commission
4.	Smt Hem Kumari Tewari	Private Secretary		PS to Secretary. Manages the correspondence of the Secretary and the Commission. Any other assignments as and when directed by the Commission
5.	Shri Raju Chettri	Stenographer Grade - I		PA to HCIC. Any other assignment as and when directed by the State Chief Information Commissioner.
6.	Shri Arjun Rai	Programmer		IT related works of this Commission. Maintenance of monthly/yearly reports of the Commission. Updating of various records including the list of Transparency officers, Appellate Authority, State Public Information Officer

			and Assistant State Public Information Officer in computerized format. Maintenance of the website in the Commission.
7.	Smt Sikha Rai	Office Superintendent-I	Looks after the works pertaining to Administration. Supervises all the works of her subordinates. Maintains discipline and cleanliness.
8.	Smt Bishnu Bagdas	Office Superintendent-II	Deals with stationeries and clearing of all the bills along with administration works.
9.	Shri Dawa Lama Tamang	Head Assistant	Mainly deals with the maintenance of vehicles and other matters pertaining to administrative section.
10.	Shri Ashif Tamang	Upper Divisional Clerk	Processing file regarding Administrative matters and any other assignments entrusted from time to time.
11.	Shri Sunil Rai	Computer Operator (M.R)	Assist the Assistant Programmer with works pertaining to I.T. Section.
12.	Smt Dawa Lhamu Sherpa	Office Assistant (OFOJ)	She is the Record Keeper of the administrative section. She deals with despatch and receipt of letters and officer orders in the Administrative Section.
13.	Ms Maya Rai	Office Assistant (M.R)	All typing works of Administrative Section. Maintenance of Stock Register
14.	Smt Manita Gurung	Office Assistant (Adhoc)	Maintenance of file movement in the Administrative Section..
15.	Ms Kalzang Palmoo Bhutia	Office Assistant (M.R)	Attached to Administrative Section
16.	Shri Wangyal Bhutia	Office Attendant	Attached to Accounts Section. Pay & Accounts Duty and Process Server in the Legal Section.
17.	Smt Khush Maya Sunar	Office Attendant	Attached to Secretary

18.	Ms Phuty Sherpa	Office Attendant (M.R.)	Dak duty and Administrative Section.
19.	Shri Karma Thendup Bhutia	Office Attendant (M.R.)	Attached to HCIC
20.	Smt Rebecca Gurung	Office Attendant (M.R)	Attached to HIC
21.	Shri Gyalpo Lepcha	Chowkidar (M.R)	He shall be responsible for safe guard of Office.
22.	Smt Sarika Balmiki	Safaikarmachari (part time)	Cleanliness of the Office premises

Legal Section

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Duties/Responsibilities
1.	Smt Tshering Choden Bhutia	Law Officer	Registering appeals & complaints, generating cause lists, summoning parties, disposing of cases after the verdict and keeping safe custody of the order sheets as also uploading the details in the commission website. Function as ASPIO of the Commission. Any other assignments of the Commission.
2.	Smt Pramila Rai	Office Superintendent-III	Looks after the legal section in the Commissions and deals with all files pertaining to legal matters. Maintain the list of nodal officers, matters related for implementation of Section 4 & other legal matters.
3.	Shri Tenzing Lepcha	Office Assistant	Assist Law Officer with works pertaining to Legal Section.
4.	Smt Netra Chettri	Office Assistant	Assist Law Officer with works pertaining to Legal Section.
5.	Smt Mary Rana	Office Assistant (OFOJ)	Dispatch and receipt of letter of Legal Section and processing of files of the Legal Section.
6.	Smt Narmita Gurung	Office Attendant (Consolidated Pay)	Attached to Legal Section

Accounts Section

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Duties/Responsibilities
1.	Mrs Pratiwa Bantawa	Sr. Accountant	She is overall in-charge of all the accounts work in the Commission.
2.	Shri Harka Raj Rai	Jr. Accountant	Preparation of salary and looks after all works pertaining to PRANALI.
3.	Ms Rinzin Chhoden Bhutia	Accounts Clerk	Assist Jr. Accountant for the preparation of salary and bills. Maintains Cash Book, SAR, CAR, Bill Register.
4.	Smt Lhaden Bhutia	Office Attendant (M.R)	Attached to Director and Accounts Section

Home Guards Personnel Deployed under SIC

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Duties/Responsibilities
1.	Ms Ambika Rai	Security Assistant	Provide security
2.	Shri Ugen Gyatso Ladingpa	Security Assistant	Provide security
3.	Shri Kushal Gurung	HG	Provide security

FINANCE

Details of Expenditure incurred during the Financial Year 2023-2024

(In Thousands of Rupees)

Salaries	Office Expenses	Travel Expenses	Wages	Total Budget	Utilization
26263	2701	1700	2750	37232	31731

COMMISSION WEBSITE

The Commission also has a website which was hosted in the NIC sicsikkim.nic.in. All the activities of the Commission, the reports furnished by the SPIOs and important judgements passed by State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner are uploaded in the Commission website. RTI application forms, format under section 25(3) and other important RTI guidelines can be downloaded and Sikkim RTI online E-filing for second appeal is also available in the commission website <https://sicsikkim.nic.in>.

SWACHHATA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION ON THE EVE OF GANDHI JAYANTI

On 30th September 2023 at around 2.45 pm, the officers and staff of State Information Commission organized a Safai Abhiyan within office complex including its terrace. Around 10 (ten) bags of garbage has been collected and arranged transportation for its disposal.



CHAPTER-II

Complaints & Appeals received by the Commission

No of complaints and appeals received and disposed by the Commission Year2023-2024

Sl.No	Classification	Received	Disposed	Pending	Orders Passed	Penalties imposed
1	Appeals	24	28	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Complaints	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total	28	28	Nil	Nil	Nil

The Public Authorities were not imposed penalties under section 20 (1)(2) of the Act for not furnishing 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.

No compensations were awarded under Section 19(8) (b) of the Act for any loss or other detriment suffered by the appellants as there were no such such cases.

CHAPTER-III
Information on Suo Motu Disclosure U/s 4(1) (b) provided by respective Public Authorities for the Reporting Year
(1st April 2023-31st March 2024)
Under Section 25(3) of Right to Information Act, 2005

Sl.No.	Name of the Departments Months/ Name of the SPIOs	No. of requests made to each public authority u/s 6(1) of Act Every Month				Application Fees collected under Section 6(1) of Act & Rule 5(1) Every Month	Fee collected under Rule 9 A(a&b) Every Month	Fee Collected under Rule 9 (B) for inspection of records & collection of samples of materials Every Month	No. of 1st appeals referred to First Appellate Authority as per the Act Every Month		No of rejection of RTI application every month		Any facts which indicates an effort by the public authorities to administer and implement the spirit and intention of this Act U/S 25(3) of Act Every Month	Recommendations for reform, including for the development, improvement, modernization, reform or amendment to this Act or other legislation or common law or any other matter relevant for operationalising the right to access information of Act u/s 25(3) (g) Every Month
		(i) Request for Information							Appeals		Under			
		For only seeking informati on	For only inspectio n of works & record	For only collection of samples & materials	(ii) under Life & Liberty to be provided within 48 hours				Disposed	Pending	Section (8) of Act	Section (9) of Act		
1	2	3				4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Animal Husbandry Deptt.	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	300	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Agriculture Department	23	Nil	Nil	Nil	220	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Building & Housing Deptt.	25	Nil	Nil	Nil	250	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Commerce & Industries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Cooperation Department	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	60	1704	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Commertial Tax Deptt.	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	145	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Culture Department	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	Directorate of Fisheries	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9	DES&ME	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

10	District Collectorate Office	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	213	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11	Deptt. Of Personnel	101	Nil	Nil	Nil	1708	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
i	Administrative Training Institute	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12	Ecclesiastical Department	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
13	Education Department	120	Nil	69	Nil	645	690	Nil	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Election Department	28	Nil	Nil	Nil	280	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15	Excise Department	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	100	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
16	Finance Department	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	160	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
i	Directorate of Sikkim State Lotteries	18	Nil	Nil	Nil	90	Nil	390	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ii	Director Pension, Group Insurance & Provident Fund	Nil	Nil	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	80	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
iii	Treasury, Pay & Accounts Office (HQ)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	Food & Civil Supplies Deptt.	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	15	Nil	150	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	Forest & Environment Department Working Plan Circle	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
i	State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim Forest Deptt.	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	80	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
19	Gangtok Municiple Corporation GMC	22	Nil	Nil	Nil	220	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	Heath & Family Welfare Department	59	1	Nil	Nil	590	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

i	Birth & Death Cell	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	Home Department	85	Nil	Nil	Nil	350	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
22	Horticulture Department	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	123	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	ICFAI university	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	`
24	Information & Public Relation Department	3	Nil	3	Nil	30	Nil	10	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	Information Technology Department	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	8890	Nil	Nil	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
26	Khadi & village Industries Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	Labour Department	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
28	Land Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt.	7011	Nil	Nil	Nil	1760	Nil	Nil	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
29	Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department	27	Nil	Nil	Nil	620	Nil	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Motor Vehicle Deptt.	33	Nil	Nil	Nil	330	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	Mines & Geology Department	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	400	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	Pay & Accounts Deptt.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33	Planning & Development Department	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
34	Police Department (HQ)	77	Nil	Nil	Nil	770	Nil	Nil	39	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
35	Power Department	43	Nil	Nil	Nil	240	180	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
36	Printing & Stationery Department	6	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

37	Public Health Engineering Department, PHE	29	Nil	Nil	Nil	290	Nil	Nil	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
38	Roads & Bridges Department	18	Nil	Nil	Nil	180	Nil	4800	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
i	Namchi Circle	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	140	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ii	Planning Cell	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
iii	N/H Circle	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	140	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
iv	Soreng District Office	13	Nil	Nil	Nil	130	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
v	Gyalshing District	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	70	Nil	12165	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
vi	Pakyong District	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	100	Nil	9554	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
39	Rural Development Department	55	Nil	Nil	Nil	460	6315	Nil	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
i	RDD Ravangla South(Namchi)	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
40	Raj Bhawan	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	50	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
41	Sikkim Public Service Commission, SPSC	67	Nil	Nil	Nil	670	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
42	Sikkim Legislative Assambly	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
43	State Election Commission, Amdo Golai	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
44	Skill Development Department, SHRAM Bhawan	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	80	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	SIDICO	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
46	Science & Technology Department	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	Sikkim Information Commission	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

48	SABCCO	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
49	Sports & Youth Affairs Department	18	Nil	Nil	Nil	340	4510	Nil	3	Nil	N	Nil	Nil	Nil
50	Sikkim Housing And Development Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
51	Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
52	State Bank of Sikkim, SBS	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
53	SISCO BANK	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	SIMFED	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
55	Social Justice & Welfare Department	27	1	Nil	Nil	270	1997	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
56	Tourism & Civil Aviation Department	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	310	777	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
57	Transport Department, SNT Division	17	Nil	Nil	Nil	260	330	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
58	Urban Development Department , UDD	147	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3954	Nil	147	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
59	Water Resource Department	45	Nil	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil	32	90	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
60	Women & Child Dev. Deptt.	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	160	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

CHAPTER -IV

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Commission has made several recommendations in its previous annual reports. Many of those recommendations are still relevant but remain unimplemented by the Public Authorities/ Departments. The Commission wishes to highlight the following issues while reiterating the earlier recommendations.

1. The Commission observed that the obligations laid down under section 4 of the RTI Act are yet to be fulfilled by some of the Public Authorities which is against the provisions of the Act and failure of which could lead to penal provisions. It is therefore, recommended that the Head of the Public Authorities review the position at regular intervals.
2. It has been observed that some of the Appellate Authorities of Public Authority have not understood their role as quasi-judicial authority and hesitate to decide and pass appropriate orders on the appeal preferred to them. It is recommended that they may be suitably advised by the Heads of the concerned Public Authority.
3. SPIOs are mandatorily required to submit monthly report of the applications received seeking information and the status of each case on monthly basis to the Commission. In the absence of complete reports from all Departments, the Commission is unable to present the actual report on the implementation of RTI Act in the State.
4. The Public authorities/ Departments are required to provide Suo Motu disclosure under section 4 (1) (b) of the RTI Act and disclose as much information to the public as possible at regular intervals through their website so that the public can have easy access to all informations.
5. The Commission also recommends the following to be taken up by the Public Authorities/ Deaprtments for implememntation of RTI Act effectively:-

Suo Motu disclosure under Section 4(1) (b) of the Act:

Section 4(1) (b) requires that each public authority shall publish 17 points of information relating to it and such information should also be regularly updated. The Commission has been persistently urging the Government and public authorities to scrupulously follow the provisions of Section 4(1) (b). Unfortunately, disclosure made by many public authorities is far from satisfactory. Quite often the information uploaded is not updated. The Commission urges the heads of the Administrative Departments to regularly review compliance of Section 4(1) (b) by the public authorities subordinate to them and issue suitable instructions in the matter.

Training of the PIO / First Appellate Authorities:

The Commission recommends imparting necessary training to the First Appellate Authorities/ State Public Information Officers/ Assistant Public Information Officers because they are the one who create and manage the Information that the public will be requesting. If they don't understand their duties properly or if they are not committed to implementing the law, then its effective operation will become more difficult. Section 26(d) of the Act specifically places the obligation on the Government to provide training to Public Officers.

Inadequate performance of the First Appellate Authority. It has been observed that the provision of First Appellate Authority is being done by a few Public Authorities and most of the Public Authorities do not function as per the provision of the RTI Act, 2005.

For the effective implementation of the Act the provision of the First Appellate Authority complies with strictly. For this the appropriate initiative is required from the Nodal Department of the Government. The Nodal Department has to bring out the rules of First Appellate Authority.

CHAPTER – V

Detail list of Officers of Sikkim Information Commission Designated as Appellate Authority, SPIO and APIO

Sl.No	Name	Designation	Remarks
1.	Mrs. Roshni Rai, SCS	Secretary	Appointed as Appellate Authority
2.	M.s Pranita Ghimiray, SCS	Deputy Secretary	Appointed as SPIO
3.	Smt Tshering Choden Bhutia	Dy. Registrar cum Law Officer	Appointed as APIO

CHAPTER-VI

STATEMENT OF TRANSPERANCY OFFICER/ APPELLATE AUTHORITY/SPIO & ASPIO OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND PSUs
Year (1st April2023 - 31st March-2024

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		Dr. Anjala Pradhan, Additional Director, Pakyong Disitric	dranjaa@gmail.com	6297413367
		Dr. Kishor Thapa, Additional Director, Soreng Dirtrict	kishorethapa@gmail.com	6295632486
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		Dr. Dichen Kaleon, Additional Director, Mangan District	dec2cher@gmail.com	7872896066
		Dr. Arthhhalall Rai, Additional Director, Namchi District	artharai23@gmail.com	9564260696
		Name of Appellate Authority	-	
		Dr. Sonam Bhutia, Director	sonamrig@gmail.com	9753380975
2	AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, GANGTOK	Name of State Public Information Officer & designation	-	
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		Dr. Pratap Subba, Additional Director (SPIO)	subbap76@yahoo.com	9733255160
		Name of Appellate Authority		
		Tilak Gazmer, Principal Director		

3	BUILDINGS & HOUSING DEPARTMENT,GANGTOK	Shri.Prem Dhoj Rai, Special Secretary	premdjraai@gmail.com	7872958052
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		Ms. Ashi Sonam Bhutia,Jt. Chief Architect-I	asonam@gmail.com	8101215422
		Shri Sonam T.Kaleon,S.E (Electrical)	stkaleon@yahoo.com	9832931337
		Shri Hira Narayan Pradhan,Sr.Account Officer	buildingsddo@gmail.com	8145831520
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		Shri Basant Paudyal,S.E (Project)	basantp79@gmail.com	9434126940
		Shri Obed Rai, Sr. Architech	obedbhokim@gmail.com	9933443442
		Ms. Tshering Chozum Bhutia,Account Officer	tchuzom@gmail.com	8617023136
		Name of Appellate Authority		
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4	COMMERCE &INDUSTRIES DEPTT, GANGTOK	Name of SPIO & Designation		
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		Name of Appellate Authority		
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	Name of Appellate Authority		
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6	CULTURE DEPARTMENT, GANGTOK	Name of SPIO & Designation		
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		Name of Appellate Authority		
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		Mr. Birsingh Subba, Dy. Commissioner		9733071167

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		For Scheme Related Works		
		(i) Deputy Director (Gangtok, Pakyong & Mangan)		
		(ii) Deputy Director (Gyalshing & Soreng		
		(iii) Deputy Director (Namchi)		
		Engineering Cell		
		Divisional Engineer (Engendering Section)		
		Name of Assistant State Public Information Officers and designation		
		Administration		
		(i) Under Secretary		

		For Scheme Related Works		
		(i) Assistant Director of concerned Districts		
		Engineering Cell		
		(i) Rahel Gurung, A.E (Gangtok & Mangan)		
		(ii) N.K Chettri, A.E (Namchi, Gyalshing & Soreng)		
		(iii) Ashok Pradhan, A.E		
		Name of Appellate Authority		
		Shri K.K. Shrestha, Director		9883250512
10	DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL,GANGTOK	Name of SPIO & Designation		
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11	ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT, GANGTOK	Name of SPIO & Designation		
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		Name of Appellate Authority		
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12	ELECTION DEPARTMENT	Name of SPIO & Designation		
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		Name of Appellate Authority		
		Shri MC.P Pradhan, Controller of Accounts - cum-Secretary		
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		Niraj Pradhan, ACF (South Ravangla)		9733351156
		Tseten Lepcha (W. Soreng)		
		Shri Ranjan Rai, Ex. Env Engineer, SPCB		
		Choden Lepcha, R.O(T) South Namthang)		
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		Shri.Manoj Kumar Subba, Pr.Director	sikkimhorticulture@gmail.com	9593285382
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		Name of Appellate Authority		
		Ms. Urvashi Poudyal, Director	sikkimlabour@gmail.com	9434184194
25	LAND REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, TASHLING SECRETARIAT	Name of SPIO & Designation		
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CHAPTER-VII

ORDER PASSED BY THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER OF THE SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 03/SIC/2023 Dated 27.09.2023.

Appellant: Mr. Mohan Sharma.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Roads & Bridges Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 24.01.2024.

The Advocate, Shri. Samsong Subba present on behalf of Applicant, Shri. Mohan Sharma.

The SPIO, Pakyong, Shri. Naween Gurung present along with A.E., Pakyong, Shri. Navin Chettri, D.E, Namchi, Shri. Mingma Tashi Sherpa, D.E, Soreng, Shri. Nayan Rasaily, D.E, Geyzing, Shri. Uttam Basneth, A.E, Gangtok, Miss Srijana Rai, A.E, Mangan, Shri. Sonam W. Bhutia, S.E, Gangtok, Shri. Chewang Zigmee Bhutia and A.E, Singtam, Shri. Sonam Dorjee Pakrin.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

During hearing the applicant has submitted that he did not get the information of Gangtok, Mangan and Pakyong District. He has further submitted that the First Appellate Authority did not call the SPIO, Gangtok, Pakyong and Mangan Districts at the time of hearing before the First Appellate Authority.

On the other hand the SPIO, Pakyong, Shri. Naween Gurung has submitted that he has already furnished the information of Pakyong District vide Memo No. 13/R&B/2023 dated 14.6.2023. The SPIO had also filed a copy of information along with the acknowledgement being sent to the applicant.

He has further submitted that, in the Department there were two First Appellate Authorities. The First Appellate Authority who are incharge of Soreng, Gyalshing, Ravangla, Daramding, Namchi and Dentam had conducted the hearing of Appeal Application Under Section 19(1) and had send notice to only those SPIOs who falls under his jurisdiction. He also stated that at present there is only one First Appellate Authority for all the Districts of Roads and Bridges.

The SPIO, Shri. Chewang Zigmee Bhutia has submitted that the Department had received 3 or 4 RTI Applications containing similar type of queries because of which, he got confused and failed to entertain the instant application. He has further submitted that he may be grant some time to provide the information of Gangtok and Mangan and Pakyong Districts.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the applicant has asked for the information of all the Districts and got the information from Soreng, Gyalshing, Ravangla,

Daramding, Namchi and Dentam. In the Department there were two Appellate Authorities. The First Appellate Authority who look after the South or West Districts had entertain the Appeal Application under section 19 (1) and hence disposal of the matter, however the First Appellate Authority who was incharge of North and East District has failed to entertain the Appeal Application under section 19 (1) as per the procedure.

Section 19 (6) of the RTI Act provides that the First Appellate Authority should dispose of the Appeal within thirty days of the receipt of the Appeal. In exceptional case, the Appellant Authority may take forty five days to dispose off the Appeal subject to the condition that he/she shall records in writing the reason for delayin deciding the appeal.

The First Appellate Authority who were incharge of Gangtok, Mangan and Pakyong had faled to entertain the Appeal as per the procedure in the instant matter, therefore he is directed to go through the RTI Act thoroughly and in future pass an order as per the direction mentioned above. If he fails to entertain the Appeal Application under section 19 (1) as per the procedures in future, then the penalty provision mentioned under section 20 of the Act will be imposed upon him/her as per the Act.

The SPIO, Pakyong, Gangtok and Mangan are directed to provide the information as sought by the applicant within 25th February and file compliance before the Commission for compliance. The applicant can file a rejoinder if he did not get the satisfactory information within 15 days from the date of receipt of the information.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 26/SIC/2024 Dated 22.02.2024.

Appellant: Mr. Rishab Chettri.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, District Collectorate, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 11.03.2024.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

The Appellant, Rishab Chettri.....Present.

The ADC cum SPIO, Shri. Milan Rai.....Present.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

During hearing the applicant has submitted that he is not satisfied with the information as provided by the SPIO in connection with his RTI application dated 3.1.2024.

On the other hand the SPIO, Shri. Milan Rai has submitted that inspite of his best effort the documents/papers submitted by Lt. Naveen Kumar Chettri and Ranjana Tamang for marriage certificate could not be traced out.

Having heard the parties and documents on record it is seem that the marriage certificate was made on 6.05.2013, therefore it won't be difficult to trace the missing file. The SPIO is directed to trace the missing file once again and furnish the information as sought by the applicant by 15.5.2024, if the SPIO fail to trace the file then he is directed to file an affidavit on 15.5.2024 stating that the documents and papers submitted by Lt. Naveen Kumar Chettri and Ranjana Tamang for applying marriage certificate could not be trace out.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 26/SIC/2024 Dated. 22/02/2024

Appellant: Shri. Rishab Chettri.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: District Collectorate, Gangtok, Sikkim.

Date of Order:15.05.2024.

The appellant, Shri. Rishab Chettri..... Present

The ADC cum SPIO, Shri. Milan Rai.....Present

That today is the date fixed for providing the information as sought by the applicant.

On the last hearing the SPIO had sought for time to trace the missing file where the documents and papers submitted by Lt. Naveen Kumar Chettri and Ranjana Tamang for their Marriage Certificate.

The SPIO has submitted that despite of the frantic search of record in the Office at D.A.C, Gangtok the documents and papers submitted by parties namely Lt. Naveen Kumar Chettri and Ranjana Tamang for issuance of Marriage Certificate could not be traced out. He has further submitted that as per the direction of the Commission's order dated 11.3.2024 he has made an affidavit before the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Gangtok, D.A.C containing the statement stating that the documents and paper as mentioned above could not be traced out.

The affidavit as made by the Respondent as an Deponent has been handed over to the applicant.

There is a total compliance of the order dated 11.3.2024, therefore the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 21/SIC/2023 Dated: 27.12.2023.

Appellant: Mr. Ganga Ram Rai.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Forest Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 25.01.2024.

The Appellant Shri. Ganga Ram Rai.....Present.

The SPIO, Shri. Udai Gurung present along with Deputy Secretary.

The SPIO, Shri Udai Gurung has pressed the Application filed on 18.1.2024 by the SPIO, Shri. Karma Legshey and submitting that Shri. Karma Legshey has gone to attend Mid-Career Training Programme at Indian Institute, Bhopal w.e.f 20.1.2024 to 9.2.2024 because of which he is not in a position to appear for the hearing.

The submission of SPIO, Shri Udai Gurung has been considered and Shri. Karma Legshey is exempted for hearing.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with your Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

During hearing the applicant has submitted that he did not get the information as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 22.9.2023 which was being filed before the SPIO, Namchi, South Sikkim. He has further submitted that as per the order of First Appellate Authority he did not get the information.

On the other hand, the SPIO, Shri. Udai Gurung has submitted that the information as sought by the applicant has already been transferred to all the six divisions with a request to provide the information directly to the applicant.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, the SPIO is directed to transfer the applicant application dated 22.9.2023 once again to all the six divisions and to get the information from all the Divisions and to provide the Appellant on or before 25th feb'2024 with a copy to the Commission.

The Appellant can file a rejoinder Application, if he is not satisfied with the information within 15 days from the date of receipt of the information.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-

Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 21/SIC/2023 Dated. 27/12/2023

Appellant: Ganga Ram Rai

Vs.

Forest Department

Date of Order: 09.04.2024.

The Applicant Shri. Ganga Ram Rai.....Present

The DFO cum SPIO, Miss Peggyla Tshering.... Present along with Shri. Sanjeev Kumar Rai Respondent.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with rejoinder application Dated. 29.2.2024 During hearing, the applicant Shri. Ganga Ram Rai has submitted that he is not satisfied with the information of query No: 3 i.e. “the Royalty statement having royalty number, vehicle number is verified by the office of the undersigned and returned back to the party with royalty clearance.”

On the other hand the respondent has submitted that the information sought is related to royalty deposited by the contractors involved in the works along the Km 18.735 to km 27.00 km, Km 7.00 to km 18.735 & km 79.350 to km 87.00 on Flaghill Madhulabala Dokala Road under 130RCC. 764 BRTF in project Swastik in the state of Sikkim.

The Respondent has further submitted that the royalty clearance certificate issue by the Forest and Environment Department Govt. of Sikkim is a subject of Government Revenue which on no circumstances can be tampered without making due payment in the respective revenue head of the Government.

Such royalty clearance are subject to scrutiny in the office of Comptroller Audit General of India and the works concerned for which the royalty deposited is located in Pakyong District in the State of Sikkim. It is being executed by BRO and the further clarification with regard to the royalty clearance certificate submitted by the contractor at the time of submission of bills is re-verified by seeking confirmation from the office that furnished royalty clearance certificate to the contractor. For the ease of working, all the royalty amount deposited is paid in bulk after the quantity of non stock material is calculated from bill of quantity supported by estimate duly signed, and such deposits are made in the Revenue head 0406-01-101-03 Royalty from Forest produce. The bank receipt of the same being handed over to the applicant Shri. Ganga Ram Rai.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the information as provided by the respondent has fulfilled/satisfied the information as sought in the rejoinder, According the instant cases can has been dispose of.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 28/SIC/2024 Dated. 21/03/2024

Appellant: Nilam Kumar Pradhan

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Rural Development Department, Gangtok, Sikkim.

Date of Order: 15.05.2024.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

That, on behalf of applicant, Advocate, Miss. Chhumdey Bhutia has filed an adjournment application stating that Advocate, Shri. Loknath Khanal, counsel for the appellant is engaged in urgent unavoidable work, as such, he is not in a position to attend the court for hearing and has sought for two weeks time.

The adjournment application filed by Advocate, Miss. Chhumdey Bhutia has been considered and fixed a new date on 12.6.2024.

Issue Notice to the parties for the next hearing on 12.6.2024.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 28/SIC/2024 Dated. 21/03/2024

Appellant: Nilam Kumar Pradhan

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Rural Development Department, Gangtok, Sikkim.

Date of Order: 12.06.2024.

The Advocate, Shri. Loknath Khanal present on behalf of applicant, Shri. Nilam Kumar Pradhan.

The SPIO cum Additional Secretary, Rural Development Department, Smt. Koshi Kapil present along with Shri. Bhim Raj Pradhan, Panchayat (Duga Ward).

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

During hearing, the counsel for the applicant has submitted that he did not get the complete information as sought by the applicant except the Khatiyon Parcha of questioned land.

On the other hand, the SPIO has submitted that the instant RTI application has been handled by the Central Pendam, GPU, Pakyong district. The information which were provided before vide Memo No: 91/CP/VAC/2023 dated 22.11.2023 was also provided by Shri. Chandra Prakash Khannel, AD, Central Pendam, GPU. The SPIO has further submitted that she may be granted some more time to trace the information as sought by the applicant she has submitted that she will try to trace the sought information from the Head Office, Gangtok and District Collectorate, Gangtok.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the instant RTI application has never been forwarded before the SPIO and she has no knowledge till the appeal under section 19 (3) has been file before the Commission. Therefore the time as sought by the SPIO has been considered and granted 15 days time with a direction to provide the information as sought by the applicant with a parawise reply and file compliance before the Commission on or before 27.6.2024 without fail.

In the reply dated 22.11.2023 provided by Shri. Chandra Prakash Khannel, AD, Central Pendam, GPU it is reflected that Rs. 4,500/- (bank receipts, photo copies, vehicle fare, lunch etc) has been charged. As per the RTI Act and Rules, 2005 the Public Authority has no right to charge vehicle fare and lunch, as such the SPIO is directed to appraise her subordinates the proper procedures of the RTI Act and Rules, 2005 and about the fee structure that they, can ask as per the Sikkim State Right to Information (Regulation of Fee, Cost and Miscellaneous) Rules 2005.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 09/SIC/2023 D ated.:04/ 04/2023.

Appellant: Shri. Jit Bahadur Chettri.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Rural Development Department, Rabongla, South Sikkim.

Date of Order: 6.06.2023.

The applicant Shri. Jit Bahadur Chettri... Present.

The Superintending Engineer, (s/w) cum SPIO, Shri. Subash Cintury present along with Divisional Engineer (PMGSY) (Namchi), Shri. Mousnath Adhikari, Assistant Engineer, Shri. Chezing Bhutia and Junior Engineer (PMGSY) (Rabongla), Shri. Rinchen Dorjee Bhutia.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

During hearing, the applicant has submitted that on 14.12.2022 he had filed an RTI application before the SPIO, PMGSY, RMDD, Namchi District.

He did not get the information as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 14.12.2022. Thereafter, he had filed an Appeal Application under section 19 (1) of the Act before the First Appellate Authority on 13.2.2023.

That, on the basis of the Appeal Application under section 19 (1) the hearing had been conducted on 15.3.2023 before the First Appellate Authority. The First Appellate Authority directed the S.E cum SPIO, D.E, Namchi, PMGSY/RDD, J.E, PMGSY/RDD, Rabongla and Deputy Secretary (P)/RDD to submit a spot verification report with photographs before the First Appellate Authority. The appellant was given a copy of information of his RTI application in hand by directed Panchayat cum First Appellate Authority.

The applicant has further submitted that the information which were provided at the time of hearing before the First Appellate Authority was not satisfactory, as such he had filed an Appeal before the First Appellate Authority again on 29.3.2023. The hearing was again conducted before the First Appellate Authority in connection with his second Appeal Application under section 19 (1) on 29.3.2023.

After the hearing, the First Appellate Authority directed the S.E cum SPIO, (s/w) to provide all the information to the appellant within 10th April, 2023. However, the appellant did not get the information as per the direction of the First Appellate Authority, hence he had filed an Appeal under section 19 (3) before the Commission.

On the other hand, the SPIO has submitted that, the information in which he is not satisfied are in possession of Head office, RDD, Gangtok and the same had been informed to the applicant and requested him to collect from the Head office, Gangtok.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the information was provided by Assistant Engineer, RDD, Rabongla vide Memo No: 1289/RDD/ Rab dated 28.2.2023.

The Commission observes from the perusal of facts on record that the instant matter did not entertain as per the provision of the RTI Act, 2005.

Every Public Authorities have designated some of the officers as SPIO and they are responsible to give information to a person who seeks information under the RTI Act.

However, in the instant case the information was provided by the Assistant Engineer.

Henceforth, in order to perform the duty effectively, the SPIO and all the concerned officers present today should study the Act carefully and understand its provisions correctly, so that, in future they can entertain the RTI application as per the provision of the RTI Act and Rules, 2005.

The S.E cum SPIO is directed to provide all the incomplete information which has been mentioned in an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act by 21.6.2023 and file a compliance report before the Commission on or before 21.6.2023 without fail.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 33/SIC/2024 Dated. 29/05/2024

Appellant: Shri. Asif Iqbal

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Director General of Police, Police Headquarters, Gangtok, Sikkim

Date of Order: 27.06.2024.

The SPIO cum DIG, C.I.D, Shri. Kunzang Dorjee Sherpa, Police HeadquartersPresent.

The APIO cum Joint Secretary, Ms. Kunga D. Lachungpa, Home Department present along with Shri. Pinsto Bhutia, H.A., Home Department.

The SPIO cum Joint Secretary, Shri. Subodh Kumar, Social Welfare Department present along with Legal Retainer, Ms. Sudha Sewa.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with a Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

During hearing the SPIO, Social Welfare Department had filed a copy of Notification No: 48/SWD/ADM Dated 15.3.2024, which was made in compliance to Judgement Dated 27.3.2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No: 231 of 2010, Shakti Valimi Vs Government of India and Others passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for to constitute Special Cell in all six Districts of Sikkim viz – Gangtok, Pakyong, Namchi, Soreng, Gyalshing and Mangan.

He has further stated that, it has already been informed to the applicant vide letter No: 15/SWD/ADM/2024 dated 14.3.2024 where it is stated that the creation of Special Cell in each District to receive petition/complaint of harassment and threat to couple of inter-caste marriage is under process for Government approval for the State of Sikkim.

On hearing the submission as made by the parties and the documents on record it is seen that the applicant has asked for the following queries i.e.

1. Copy of action taken report (ATR) in compliance to the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order W.P (CIVIL) No: 231 of 2010.
2. Designation and phone numbers of all the members of the Special Cell for Couples in any one of the districts under your jurisdiction in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
3. Address of the Safe Houses for couples created for inter-caste/inter-faith couples in any one of the districts under your jurisdiction in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The Notification No: 48/SWD/ADM dated 15.3.2024 has fulfilled a query as sought in query No: 1 and with regard to questions No: 2 and 3, the SPIO, Police Headquarter, the SPIO, Social Welfare Department and the SPIO, Home Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim are directed to provide the information of question Nos. 2 and 3 to the applicant and file a compliance before the Commission on or before 11.7.2024 without fail.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Complaint No. 02/SIC/2023 Dated 29.11.2023.

Appellant: Mr. Ganga Ram Rai.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Rural Development Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 25.01.2024.

The Complainant, Shri. Ganga Ram Rai.....Present.

The SPIO, Absent.

The ASPIO present along with BDO, Pakyong and two junior Engineers.

The APIO present has filed an Application along with the office order dated 19.1.2014 of Panchayat Sammelan, 2024 and has stating that the SPIO being one of the main organisers is busy in the said programme and the same is reflected in the order too.

The Submission as made by the ASPIO has been considered being on genuine ground and the SPIO is exempted for hearing.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with the Complaint under section 18 (1) of the Act.

During hearing the applicant has submitted that he was asked to pay sum of rupees 5 per page as a Xerox fees for the information as sought by him. He has further submitted that, the amount which was asked from him to pay is not as per the Rule of the Sikkim State Right to Information (Regulation of Fee, Cost & Miscellaneous Rule 2005).

On the other hand the B.D.O, Shri. B.S. Limboo has submitted that, he had done Xerox of copies from the market and the amount was charged at the rate of Rs 5/- per page, that is why, he had asked for Rs 5/- per page.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the SPIO has failed to compliance the Rule as mentioned in Sikkim State Right to Information (Regulation of Fee, Cost & Miscellaneous Rule 2005), however the application asking for the xerox fees was within the time limitation, as such, he is directed to provide the information within seven days from the date of hearing after charging the fees of Rs 2/- per page as mentioned in Rule (9) (A) (b) of Sikkim State Right to Information (Regulation of fees, Cost & Miscellaneous Rule 2005).

The ASPIO and junior Engineers, Pakyong is directed to go through the RTI Act and rule thoroughly , if in future such mistake repeats then the penalty/punishment mentioned under section 20 of the ACT will be imposed as per the Act.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-

Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Complaint No. 2/SIC/2023 Dated. 04.05.23.

Complainant: Shri. Ganga Ram Rai.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: RMDD, South Sikkim.

Date of Order: 01.06.2023.

The complainant, Shri. Ganga Ram Rai.....Present.

The BDO, Shri. Nim Pincho Bhutia.....Present.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with a complaint under section 18 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 filed on 4.5.2023.

During the hearing, the complainant, Shri. Ganga Ram Rai has submitted that on 31.3.2023 he had filed an RTI application before the Public Information officer, RMDD, Namchi, South Sikkim.

That, on 1.4.2023 he had received a letter Ref. No:06/BAC/Namchi from Block Development officer, Namchi, BAC with a request to remit the xerox copy fees of Rs. 1659/- (One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine only) for a total of 553 pages at the rate of Rs. 3 per page.

On the request, the Complainant had paid the amount of Rs.1659/- vide Revenue Receipt No: 2324N-44056-673 and 2324N- 44056-674 dated 13.4.2023.

He has further submitted that inspite of paying the full amount of Rs 1659 for 553 pages, he had only received 75 pages of information.

On the other hand, the BDO has submitted that at the time of handing the information to the complainant, he was not present there and on his behalf his staff had handed over 75 pages of information only. He has further submitted that, the remaining pages of information has been brought today and will be handed over to the complainant after the hearing.

Having heard the parties and the documents on record, it is seen that the letter Ref. No:06/BAC/Namchi dated 1.4.2023 is incorrect because as reference to the letter, the BDO has charged Rs 3 per page which is against the Rule 9 of the Sikkim State Right to Information (Regulation of Fee, Cost and Miscellaneous) Rules 2005.

That as per the Rule 9 (1) A(b) is Rs 2 (Two) for each page (in A-4 or A-3 size paper), therefore, the BDO, Namchi is directed to return the extra amount which was being charged to the complainant and to hand over all the remaining information pages to the complainant.

The Commission is of the view that it is the SPIO to whom the RTI application is submitted and it is he who is responsible for ensuring that the information as sought is provided to the applicant within the statutory requirements of the Act, however, in this case, the SPIO has failed to entertain the RTI application which was filed before him/her and the APIO (BDO, Namchi) has issued a letter without verifying the contents of the Rule.

Therefore, in order to perform their duties effectively, the SPIO and APIO should study the Act carefully and understand its provisions correctly, so that, in the future they can entertain the RTI application as per the provision of the RTI Act and Rules, 2005.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 7/SIC/2023 Dated. 10/04/2023.

Appellant: Shri. Ganga Ram Rai.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO (T), South Division, South Sikkim, Forest Department.

Date of Order: 04.05.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Ganga Ram Rai. Present.

The DFO cum SPIO, Miss. Peggyla present along with ACF(D) Rabongla, Shri. Niraj Pradhan.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) on the ground that he did not get the information as sought by him. He has further stated that, inspite of written order dated 21.1.2023 of First Appellate Authority the applicant did not get the information.

On the other hand, the SPIO has submitted that, the applicant did not file a money receipt of Rs 10/- along with RTI application, that is why his RTI application could not be entertained on time. The SPIO has file a copy of information as sought by the applicant during the hearing.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the information filed today by the SPIO does not contain the forwarding note, therefore the SPIO is directed to prepare the information along with the forwarding note and to provide to the applicant on or before 29.5.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Ganga Ram Rai is directed not to repeat such mistake in future.

In the Act, it is clearly mentioned that a citizen who desires to obtain any information under this Act, shall make a request in writing or through electronic means in English or Hindi or in such official language of the area in which the application is being made, accompanying such fee as may be prescribed.

However the citizen belonging to BPL category may seek exemption from payment of RTI fee duly producing the proof of BPL category.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No.4/SIC/2023 Dated: 20/2/2023

Appellant: Shri Bishnu Prasad Dulal.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: HRDD, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 12.04.2023.

The Applicants, Shri Bishnu Prasad Dulal and othersPresent.

That today is the date fixed for preliminary hearing. There is a delay of 15 days in filing the Second Appeal before the Commission.

During hearing, the applicants have submitted that they have filed an Appeal Application under Section 19 (3) for the first time, as such, they were not aware of the time limitation of the Second Appeal. They also undertake that they will not repeat such mistake in future.

The Appeal Application is on the ground that they are not satisfied with the information because in some of the information, it is mentioned Approximately. Upon asking the Applicants, they have referred the page No.6 and 7 of the information as provided by the SPIO.

The Applicants have also submitted that they are not satisfied with an order of the First Appellate Authority passed on 1.11.2022 where in, it has been stated that “an RTI Application is to be filed by an individual person and not a group of persons”.

Having heard the Applicants and the documents on record, the Commission accepts the condonation of delay filed by the Applicants because there are only delay of 15 days and this being the first case of the Applicants before the Commission. The Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act has been considered for further hearing.

The order passed by the First Appellate Authority is not covered by RTI Act, 2005, there is nothing in the law or the rules preventing more than one citizen from submitting an RTI application.

Section 3 of the RTI Act states subject to the provision of the Act, all citizen shall have Right to Information.

Issue summon to all the concerned parties for next hearing.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No.4/SIC/2023 Dated:20/2/2023

Appellant: Shri Bishnu Prasad Dulal.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: HRDD, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 25.04.2023.

The applicant Shri. Bishnu Prasad Dulal....Present along with Miss. Beena Rai and Mrs. Srijana Chettri.

The SPIO, Shri. Sonam Lepcha Present along with the Nodal SPIO, Smt. Pemba Lhamu, Shri. Theophilous Billium Lepcha, Shri. H.P. Rawat, Miss. Arati Sharma and Shri. Yogesh Gurung.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act. In Appeal Application, the applicants have mentioned that, they are not satisfied with the order passed by the First Appellate Authority and not allowing all the applicants to appear for the hearing before the First Appellate Authority. The applicants are also not satisfied with the reply wherein it has been stated approximately.

During hearing, the applicants have submitted that they have two grievances to put forward before the Commission i.e. as to whether more than one person can sign in one RTI Application and whether more than one person are allowed to appear in the hearing. Their Second grievance is with the word as mentioned Approx in the Note Sheet.

On the other hand, the SPIO has submitted that, the term approx was used as it was period of Covid pandemic and all the school were closed. Hence the districts officers could not provide the actual enrolment and the file was process considering previous year enrolment, however, he further stated that the information which has been provided to the applicant, Shri.Bishnu Prasad Dulal in connection with his RTI application are in specific form and no where it is mentioned Approx.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the information provided to the Applicant Shri. Bishnu Prasad Dulal vide Ref No: 4/TBU/EDN dated 13.9.2022 is in the specific and clear form, and nowhere it has been mentioned Approx. Therefore, the information provided by the SPIO is satisfactory.

That, with regard to the second ground as to whether more than one person can sign a single RTI application and whether more than one person are allowed to appear for the hearing.

The Commission held that as per Section 3 of the RTI Act, all citizens shall have the right to Information. In the present case, the First Appellate Authority had passed an order stating that an RTI application is to be filed by an individual person and not a group of person was completely wrong, since there is nothing in the law or the rules preventing more than one citizen from submitting the RTI application.

The Commission further like to state that all citizens have the right to information, it is the responsibility of SPIO to provide information to the applicant.

The Commission is, therefore, of the view that the 2nd part of the order passed by the First Appellate Authority on 1.11.2022 is a nullity. The First Appellate Authority is , therefore to be more careful in future, so that such lapses do not recur.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

To serve a copy of order to all the concerned parties including the First Appellate Authority, HRDD, Gangtok.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 8/SIC/2023 Dated. 10/04/2023.

Appellant: Shri. Madan Tamang.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Labour Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order:03.05.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Madan Tamang present along with Mrs. Kalpana Chettri and Shri. Janvir Ahmed.

The First Appellate Authority, Shri. D.S. Kumar present along with SPIO Tashi Wangmu Sherpa.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19(3) of the Act, which is on the ground that he did not get the information as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 9.1.2023.

On the other hand, the First Appellate Authority and SPIO have submitted that, the RTI application dated 9.1.2023 which was filed before the SPIO, Labour Department has been transferred to the General Manager, Temi Tea Estate under section 6(3) of the Act vide Ref. No. GOS/DL/2014/76(2)/288 dated 12.1.2023 on the ground that the sought information is related to Temi Tea Estate, as such, the General Manager is requested to furnish the information directly to the applicant.

They have further submitted that the First Appellate Authority on the basis of an Appeal Application under section 19(1) had summoned the concerned parties for hearing before the First Appellate Authority, Labour Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim on 21.3.2023, however, the hearing could not be conducted on 21.03.2023 because the applicant Shri. Madan Tamang had sought for time as he was busy for some other work. The General Manager, Temi Tea Estate who was present for hearing had filed a copy of information as sought by the applicant before the First Appellate Authority.

The applicant was informed over telephone to collect the information on 14th April, 2023, however due to Government holiday the same could not be done on 14th April, 2023, as such, the appellant was requested to collect the information on 3rd May, 2023, but, in between the SPIO has received a notice from the Commission for hearing.

The SPIO then handed over the information to the applicant during the hearing.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the First Appellate Authority and SPIO, Labour Department, Gangtok, have entertained the RTI application within a prescribed time limit of RTI Act, 2005, however their intimation letter i.e. Transfer application and the Notice contains the signature and seal as Special Labour Commissioner and Joint Labour Commissioner which is not acceptable in the RTI Act. The information on RTI application should be supplied by designated SPIO and for certified copies of the documents on record, the SPIO should endorse on the documents. The First Appellate Authority and the SPIO are directed to follow the provision of the Act and in future to furnish the information and pass an order with the seal and

signature of the First Appellate Authority and SPIO as per the provision of the Act as mentioned above.

The General Manager, Temi Tea Estate failed to entertain the transfer application on time and he/she has also failed to appear for the hearing before the Commission. Therefore, he/she is directed to file a Counter Statement as to why he/she did not entertain the Transferred RTI application on a prescribed time limit and why he/she has failed to appear for hearing on 3.5.2023 before the Commission on or before 1.6.2023.

The appellant is directed to go through the information provided today and if he is not satisfied with the information he has a liberty to file a rejoinder within 15 days from the date of hearing.

To come up on 1.6.2023 for filing a Counter Statement by the General Manager, Temi Tea Estate.

To serve a copy of order to all the concerned parties for taking necessary action.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 8/SIC/2023 Dated. 10/04/2023.

Appellant: Shri. Madan Tamang.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Labour Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 01.06.2023.

That today is the date fixed for filing a counter statement as per the order dated 3.5.2023 by the General Manager, Temi Tea Estate, South Sikkim stating as to why he had failed to appear before the Commission for hearing fixed on 3.5.2023 and why he did not entertain the transferred RTI application on the prescribed time limit.

That, on behalf of General Manager, Temi Tea Estate, South Sikkim Shri. Bibek C. Rai, system administrator of Temi Tea Estate, South Sikkim had appeared and submitted before the Commission that the General Manager is out of station, therefore, he is not in a position to appear for today's hearing.

The Commission, after hearing the submission of Shri. Bibek C. Rai and perusing the records observed that the General Manager did not comply with the direction of the Commission order dated 3.5.2023, wherein he is directed to file a counter statement as to why he did not entertain the Transfer Application on a prescribed time limit and why he failed to appear for hearing on 3.5.2023 before the Commission on or before 1.6.2023. This shows that the General Manager deliberately did not comply with the Commission's order.

The Commission held that for non-compliance of direction of the Commission a show cause notice is to be issued to the General Manager as to why action under section 20 of the RTI Act should not be initiated against him.

To serve a copy of order to the General Manager, Temi Tea Estate, South Sikkim with a Notice of show cause under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sd/-

Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No.08/SIC2023 Appellant: Shri. Madan Tamang

Vs.

SPIO, Labour Department and Temi Tea State

Date of Order: 20.06.2023.

That today is the date fixed for filing a reply of show cause notice to be served on 1.6.2023. against the Managing Director, Temi Tea State.

The Managing Director Shri. M. Ravi Kumar has filed an explanation of the show cause notice stating that he was not able to appear for hearing fixed on 3.5.2023 as he was on Earned Leave. He also filed an office order issued by Department of Personnel in regard to his earned leave w.e.f. 20.4.2023, to 3.5.2023.

The Managing Director has also submitted that there was delay in submission of the information pertaining to transfer application sent by the Labour Commissioner cum- SPIO (Labour Department) due to the transfer of officers and employees who were engaged in the project, because of which, there was a delay of few days to collect the information and to provide to the applicant.

Having heard the parties and the documents on record the Commission found an explanation filed by the Managing Director is satisfactory, therefore; the show cause notice is quashed.

The Commission is of view that it is SPIO (Assistant Manager) to whom the message is being served from Commission through what's up for the hearing fixed on 1.6.2023. However, he had failed to appear for hearing fixed on 1.6.2023.

As per the R.T.I Act, the SPIO is responsible for ensuring that the information as sought is provided to the applicant within the statutory requirement of the Act. In this case, the SPIO (Assistant Manager) has failed to perform his duty as per the provision of the Act and also failed to appear for hearing fixed on 1.6.2023.

Therefore, in order to perform his duty effectively, the SPIO is directed to study the Act carefully specially the section 5(1) of the Act and understand the provision correctly, so that, in future he will not repeat such mistake again.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-

Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 10/SIC/2023 Dated: 1.6.2023.

Appellant: Ms. Beena Rai.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Urban Development Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 19.06.2023.

The applicant, Ms. Beena Rai present along with P.M. Lepcha and Srijana Thapa.

The ASPIO, Shri. Jeewan Tamang present along with, Shri. P.T. Sherpa, Inspector, UDHD, Shri. Dependra Golay, Law officer, UDHD.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

During hearing, the applicant Ms. Beena Rai has submitted that on 13.10.2022 she had filed an RTI application before the SPIO, UDHD. On 17.11.2022, she had received information from the Dy. Director cum APIO, UDD.

Thereafter she had filed an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) before the First Appellate Authority on the ground of not satisfied with the information as provided by the Dy. Director on 17.11.2022.

That on the basis of an Appeal Application under section 19 (1) the hearing was conducted on 4.3.2023. The First Appellate Authority passed an order with a direction to provide the supplementary information as and when it would be found.

On the other hand, the Dy. Director who is present for the hearing on behalf of UDHD has submitted that, the information which had already been provided to the applicant are the only informations which are available in the Urban Development Department, however he has further submitted that he may be granted some more time to provide the incomplete information assought by the applicant, as he will gather after doing the proper inspection upon the concerned information.

Having heard the parties and the documents on record, the submission as made by Dy. Director cum APIO has been considered with a direction to provide the complete information on or before 18.8.2023 and file a compliance report before the Commission for compliance on 18.8.2023 without fail.

The Commission is of the view that it is the SPIO to whom the RTI Application is submitted and it is he who is responsible for ensuring that the information as sought is provided to the applicant within the statutory requirement of the Act, however in this case, the SPIO has failed to entertain the RTI application which was filed before him/her.

Therefore, the SPIO is directed to study the Act carefully specially the section 5 (1) of the Act and understand the provision correctly, so that, in future. The SPIO should perform his/her duties as per the provision of the Act, 2005.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 10/SIC/2023 Dated 1.6.2023.

Appellant: Ms. Beena Rai.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Urban Development Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 27.09.2023.

The appellant Ms. Beena Rai present along with Ms. Srijana Chettri.

The SPIO, Shri. Hemmant Rai present along with Deputy Director, Shri. Jeewan Gurung.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with the Rejoinder application filed on 2.9.2023.

During hearing, the applicant Ms. Beena Rai submitted that she may be provided the entire information as sought in her Rejoinder application.

On the other hand the SPIO has submitted that as per the Rejoinder application he obtained some of the information of the Rejoinder application however some of the information as mentioned in the Rejoinder application are yet to be gathered.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the SPIO and APIO have obtained some of the information as per the Rejoinder application, however some of the information are yet to be obtained, therefore the SPIO and APIO are directed to obtain all the entire information as mentioned in the Rejoinder application and furnish to the applicant with a proper forwarding note on or before 30.10.2023. If they fail to obtain any of the information as mentioned in the Rejoinder application then they are directed to file an affidavit of that untraceable information.

The SPIO and APIO can call the applicant at the time of gathering the information of the Rejoinder application, if they did not understand the queries as mentioned in the Rejoinder application.

The SPIO and APIO are directed to furnish the entire information of the Rejoinder application on or before 30.10.2023 and file compliance before the Commission. If they fail to trace/gather any of the rejoinder application then they are directed to file an affidavit of that.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposed off.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No.12/SIC2023

Appellant: Ms. Beena Rai.

Vs.

SPIO, Transport Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 01.08.2023.

The applicant, Ms. Beena Rai.....Present.

The SPIO, Motor Vehicle Division, Shri. K. Zimba Bhutia..Present

The SPIO, S.N.T, Shri. Wangzo Lepcha present along with all the concerned officers of Motor Vehicle Division and S.N.T Department.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

During hearing the applicant Ms. Beena Rai has submitted that the information as provided by the Motor Vehicle Division and S.N.T are incomplete, she has further submitted that the information which are incomplete and unsatisfactory are mentioned in the Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act.

On the other hand, the SPIO, Motor Vehicle Division, Shri. K. Zimba Bhutia has submitted that on the basis of the RTI application filed by Ms. Beena Rai and others vide ID No: 168/MV/T dated 3.3.2022, on the subject – details of the stage carriages registered in the state of Sikkim under individuals under various companies, he had transferred the RTI application under section 5 (4) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the concerned people such as ASPIO, RTO section Gangtok, Incharge NIC, Motor Vehicle Division, Gangtok, Smt. Kamala Sharma, UDC Head office and Hemnath Sharma, UDC, Registration section vide No: GOS/MVD/T/2022-23/237 Dt: 17.3.2023 with a request that since the information sought being related to them, they provide the information directly to the applicant within the stipulated time and copy of the information provided may be forwarded to the office of the SPIO for record.

The applicant being not satisfied with the information provided she had filed an appeal under section 19(1) before the First Appellate Authority on 17.4.2023. The First Appellate Authority had conducted the hearing on 27.4.2023 in the presence of Secretary STA, Transport Department, Joint Director cum SPIO (MVD) and concerned official in the relevant matter and the applicant.

The First Appellate Authority has passed an order on 27.4.2023 with a direction to all the concerned offices/official to provide the relevant complete information as per the RTI ID No: 165/MV/T Dt: 3.3.2023 by the SPIO, Motor Vehicle Division.

That as per the order dated 27.4.2023 of the First Appellate Authority, Transport Department, the SPIO (MVD) had again transferred the RTI application of Ms. Beena Rai to SPIO (SNT) ASPIOs, Gangtok, Pakyong, Singtam, Gyalshing, Soreng, Mangan, Jorethang and Namchi under section 5 (4) of the RTI Act vide No: GOS/MVD/T/RTI/2023-24/250 Dt: 28.4.2023 with a request that the information related to their office may kindly be forwarded to the office of the SPIO, Head office.

The transferred officers have forwarded the information and same were handed over to the applicant. The SPIO, S.N.T has submitted that with regard to query no. 3 pertaining to the buses which are plying in various companies in the state of Sikkim have already been provided to the applicant along with a copy of agreement and these are the only information the S.N.T are having in their possession.

The Commission after hearing the submission of the parties and after perusal of record, observes that the First Appellate Authority, Transport Department had conducted the hearing on 27.4.2023 and passed an order with a direction to all concerned officers/official to provide the relevant complete information as per the RTI ID No: 168/MV/T Dated 3.3.2023 by the SPIO (MVD).

Thereafter the Joint Director cum SPIO, Motor Vehicle Division Department had transferred the RTI application of Ms. Beena Rai to all the ASPIO, Gangtok, Pakyong, Singtam, Geyzing, Soreng, Mangan, Jorethang and Namchi Regional Transport office, Motor Vehicle Division Department under section 5 (4) of RTI Act, 2005 and as per the transferred application, the ASPIO (Gangtok) provided the list containing page (54 to 57) along with the documents page (58 to 149). The ASPIO (Gyalshing) provided the list containing page (150 to 152) along with documents (Page 153 to 174). The ASPIO (Mangan) provided the list containing page (175 to 176) along with documents (Page 177 to 257). The ASPIO (Jorethang) provided the list containing page (258 to 262) along with documents (Page 263 to 657). The ASPIO (Namchi) provided the list containing page (658 to 662) along with documents (Page 663 to 751). The ASPIO (Soreng) provided the list containing page (752 to 754) along with the documents (Page 755 to 908). The ASPIO (Pakyong) provided the list containing page (909 to 911) along with the documents (Page 912 to 980). The ASPIO (Singtam) provided the list containing page (981 to 987) along with the documents (Page 988 to 1117).

The Commission uphold the order passed by the First Appellate Authority, Transport Department on 27.4.2023 and direct the SPIO and the transferred officers (ASPIO) to scrutinize the name of person as mentioned in an Appeal Application under section 19 (3) and provide the documents of the named person filed by them along with the forwarding note by 1.9.2023 without fail.

That as per section 5(4) of the Act, the SPIO, as the case may be may seek the assistance by any other officers as he or she considers it necessary for the proper discharge of his or her duties.

Any officer, whose assistance has been sought under sub-section (4) shall render assistance to the SPIO, as the case may be seeking his or her assistance and for the purpose of any contraventions of the provision of the Act, such other officer shall be treated as a SPIO, as the case may be.

Therefore, if the SPIO and the transferred officers (concerned) fail to compliance the order of First Appellate Authority and to provide the information as per the direction, then the penalty provision mentioned under section 20(1) (2) shall be imposed upon them.

However, the SPIO and the deemed ASPIOs as the case may be shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before any penalty is imposed on them.

A copy of order to be served to all the concerned parties.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

**SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

Appeal No. 12/SIC/2023

Appellants: Ms. Beena Rai and Others.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: SPIO, Transport Department, Motor Vehicle Division, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 17.10.2023.

The Appellants Ms. Beena Rai, Ms. Srijana Chettri, Ms. SrijanaThapa and Ms. Marina GurungPresent.

The Respondents Shri. K. Zimba Bhutia, SPIO, Gangtok, present along with Shri. Krishna Lamchaney ARTO cum ASPIO, Gangtok, Shri Mingma Dorjee Tamang ARTO cum ASPIO, Namchi, Miss Poonam Rai, H.A, Shri. H.N Timshina, UDC and Shri T. Pintso Bhutia.....Present

That Today is the date fixed for hearing and filing an information with regard to a rejoinder Application dated 19.09.2023.

During hearing, the applicant Ms. Beena Rai has submitted that Applicants may be provided all the information as sought in the rejoinder Application dated 19.9.2023.

On the other hand, the SPIO (MVD) Shri. Karma Zimba Bhutia, Transport Department has furnished the information as provided by the ARTO cum ASPIO, Gangtok and Namchi of a rejoinder Application dated 19.9.2023. He has submitted that the information as sought in a rejoinder application pertains to Namchi and Gangtok Districts. The Namchi ARTO cum ASPIO has furnished all the information, however, the Gangtok ARTO cum ASPIO is unable to trace out some of the information inspite of his best efforts.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the information as provided by the ARTO cum ASPIO, Gangtok are not complete, therefore, he is directed to trace the untraceable information once again and provide to the Appellants on or before 8.11.2023 without fail. The information which was brought today to be handed over to the Applicants.

Sd/-

Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

Conclusion

The purpose of the Act is to as to empower the citizen, promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Public Authorities. Contain corruption and make the democracy work for the people in real sense.

The Sikkim Information Commission conducts efficient, fair and confidential examination of complaints and appeals of the public and individuals. The goal of our work is to maximize compliance with the Act while fostering disclosure of public sector information.

Now we can proudly say that R.T.I Act ensures that the people has put in power remain answerable to us always as by no means can they use public funds arbitrarily. It is one of the most powerful legislation in the hands of the people that empower them to seek information from the public Authorities/Government.

The Sikkim Information Commission is hopeful that all the Public Authorities in the State shall take up steps to fulfil its obligations in right earnest and that the Commission shall perhaps be in a position to cover all the fulfilment of the provisions of the Act by all the Public Authorities in toto, in its subsequent Annual Reports.