



Annual Report 2022-2023

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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 M . B Gurung is the Chief Information Commissioner and Shri C.P Dhakal 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 2022-2023 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	Private Secretary	1
5	Sr. Accountant	1
6	Assistant Programmer	1
7	Head Assistant	2
8	U.D.C	1
9	Accounts Clerks	1
10	L.D.C	1
11	Office Assistant	2
12	Driver	4
13	Office Attendant	2

List of Officers and staff posted in the Commission

Sl.No	Name	Designation
1.	(i) Smt Dhan Jyoti Mukhia, IAS (04.04.2022 to 23.09.2022) (ii) Smt Namrata Thapa, IAS (01.10.2022 to 20.12.2022) (iii) Smt K.D.Rechung, SCS (20.12.2022 to 31.03.2023)	Secretary
2.	Shri Topgay Bhutia, SCS (22.07.2022 to 30.11.2022)	Deputy Secretary
3.	Mrs. Paru Rai, SCS (02.08.2022 to 29.11.2022)	Under Secretary
	Mrs. Paru Rai, SCS (30.11.2022 to 31.03.2023)	Deputy Secretary
4.	Smt. Tshering Choden Bhutia	Dy. Registrar cum Law Officer
5.	Shri Bhim Lall Nepal	Private Secretary
6.	Mrs. Pratiwa Bantawa	Sr. Accountant
7.	Shri Arjun Rai	Assistant Programmer
8.	Shri Raju Chettri	Steno - II
9.	Smt Bishnu Bagdas	Head Assistant
10.	Smt. Pramila Rai	Head Assistant

11.	Shri Dawa Lama Tamang	U.D.C
12.	Shri Harka Raj Rai	Accounts Clerk
13.	Shri Ashif Tamang	L.D.C
14.	Shri Tenzing Lepcha	Office Assistant
15.	Mrs. Netra Chettri	Office Assistant
16.	Smt. Khush Maya Sunar	Office Attendant
17.	Shri Wangyal Bhutia	Office Attendant
18.	Shri Sunil Rai	Computer Operator (M.R)
19.	Mrs. Mary Rana	Office Assistant (M.R)
20.	Mrs. Dawa Lhamu Sherpa	Office Assistant (M.R)
21.	Miss. Maya Rai	Office Assistant (M.R)
22.	Mrs. Manita Gurung	Office Assistant (M.R)
23.	Shri Namfung Lepcha	Driver
24.	Shri Padam KumarDarjee	Driver
25.	Shri Sanjeev Bardewa	Driver
26.	Shri Bhim Kumar Chettri	Driver
27..	Shri Dal Bdr. Chettri	Driver (MR)
28.	Shri Sonam Dawa Bhutia	Driver (MR)
29.	Shri Dupchen Manchangpa	Driver (MR)
30.	Shri Ashish Gurung	Driver (MR)
31.	Miss Phuty Sherpa	Office Attendant (M.R)
32.	Shri Karma Thuendup Bhutia	Office Attendant (M.R)
33.	Mrs. Namita Gurung	Office Attendant (M.R)
34.	Ms Ambika Rai	HG
35.	Shri Ugen Gyatso Ladingpa	HG
36.	Shri Kushal Gurung	HG
37.	Shri Gyalpo Lepcha	Chowkidar (M.R)
38.	Mr Sarika Balmiki	Safaikarmachari (part Time)

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	4	5	5
4	Group D	-	1	1

(B) Muster Roll

1	Group - C	7
2	Group - D	4

(C) OFOJ Employees

1	Group - C	2
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(D) Home Guard

1	Home Guard	3
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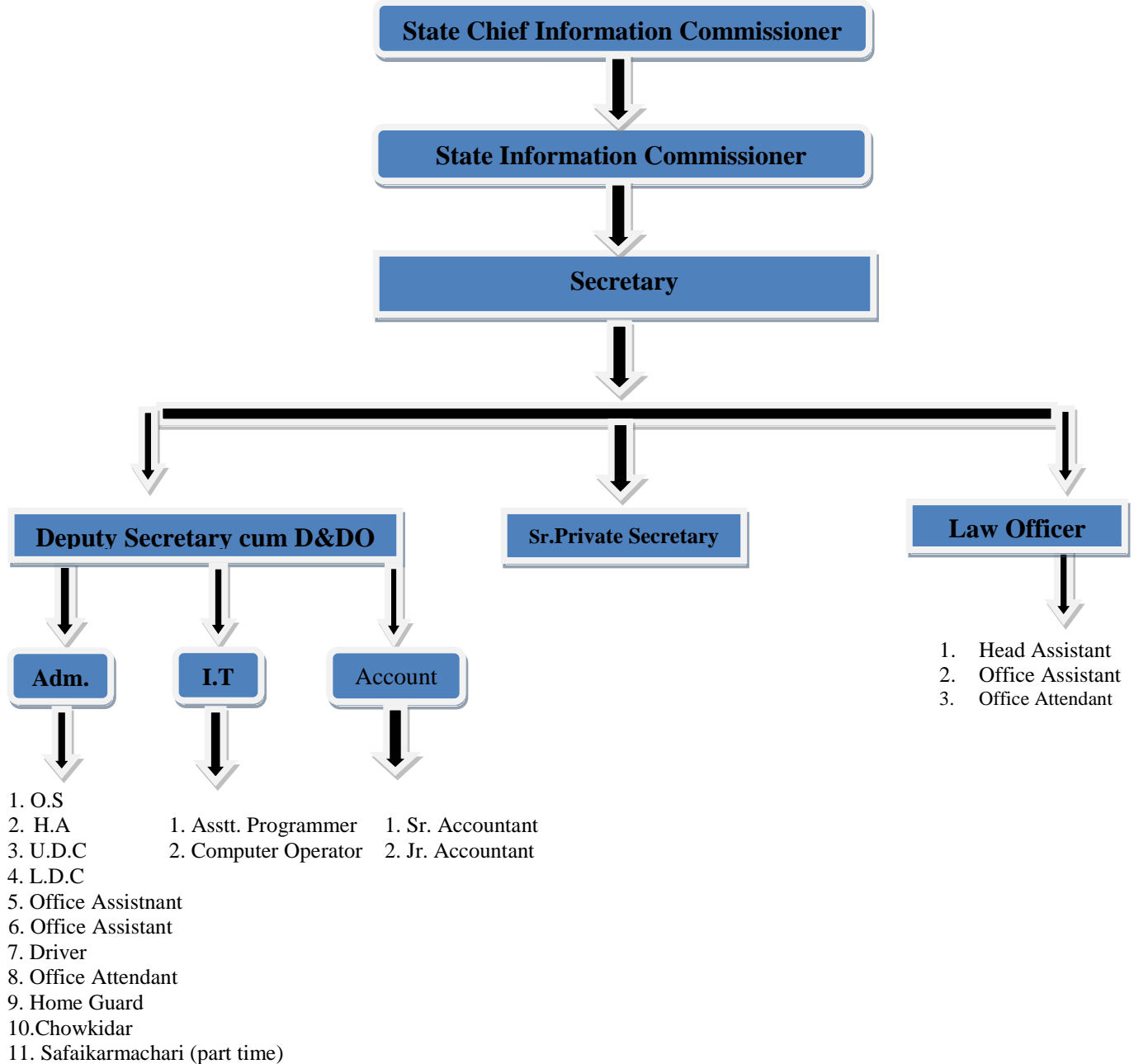
(E) Safaikarmachari (Part time)

1	Safaikarmchari (part time)	1
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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 M.B.Gurung, 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	Duties/Responsibilities
1.	(i) Smt Dhan Jyoti Mukhia, IAS (04.04.2022 to 23.09.2022) (ii) Smt Namrata Thapa, IAS (01.10.2022 to 20.12.2022) (iii) Smt K.D.Rechung, SCS (20.12.2022 to 31.03.2023)	Secretary	Overall I/C of the Administration. Function as FAA of the Commission Liaison with other State Information Commissions and Central Information Commission
2.	Shri Topgay Bhutia, SCS (22.07.2022 to 30.11.2022)	Deputy Secretary	Administration. Drawing and Disbursing Officer. State Public Information Officer of the Commission. Entrusted with the implementation of schemes & promotional activities of the Commission.
3.	Mrs. Paru Rai, SCS (02.08.2022 to 29.11.2022)	Under Secretary	Administration. Drawing and Disbursing Officer. State Public Information Officer of the Commission. Entrusted with the implementation of schemes & promotional activities of the Commission.
	Mrs. Paru Rai, SCS (30.11.2022 to 31.03.2023)	Deputy Secretary	Administration. Drawing and Disbursing Officer. State Public Information Officer of the Commission. Entrusted with the implementation of schemes & promotional activities of the Commission.
4.	Shri Bhim Lall Nepal	Private Secretary	PS to Secretary. Manage the correspondence of the Secretary and the Commission. Any other assignments as and when directed by the Commission.
5.	Shri Arjun Rai	Assistant Programmer	I.T related works of this Commission. Maintenance of monthly/Yearly reports and updating of various records including the list of Transparency Officers, Appellate Authority, State Public Information Officer & Assistant State Public Information Officer in computerized format. Maintenance of website.

6.	Shri Raju Chettri	Steno - Gr II	P.A. to CIC. Any other assignments as and when directed by the State Chief Information Commissioner
7.	Smt Bishnu Bagdas	Head Assistant	Administrative matters and any other assignments entrusted from time to time.
8.	Smt Pramila Rai	Head Assistant	Processing of matters related to legal and Annual report, maintaining list of nodal officers, matters related for implementation of Section 4 & other legal matters
9.	Shri Dawa Lama Tamang	U.D.C	Processing files regarding Administrative matters and any other assignments entrusted from time to time.
10.	Shri Ashif Tamang	L.D.C	Processing files regarding Administrative matters and any other assignments entrusted from time to time.
11.	Shri Sunil Rai	Computer Operator (M.R)	Assist the Asstt. Programmer with works pertaining to I.T Section, etc.
12.	Smt. Mary Rana	Office Assistant (Consolidated)	Responsible legal dispatch and putting up file.
13.	Mrs. Dawa Lhamu Sherpa	Office Assistant (Consolidated)	She Shall be responsible for file record keeper of Adm. AndAccounts Section. Dispatch works file record of Adm.
14.	Miss. Maya Rai	Office Assistant	Data Entry Works of IT Section
15.	Mrs. Manita Gurung	Office Assistant	Attached with Admin section.
16.	Shri Wangyal Bhutia	Office Attendant	Dak duty/ attached to Finance & Accounts section
17.	Smt. Khush Maya Sunar	Office Attendant	Attached with Secretary
18.	Miss Phuty Sherpa	Office Attendant	Outdoor dak duty and other related works of the Commission
19.	Shri Karma Thuendup Bhutia	Office Attendant	Attached with CIC.

20.	Mrs. Namita Gurung	Office Attendant	Attached with Admin section.
21.	Shri Gyalpo Lepcha	Chowkidar (M/R)	He shall be responsible for safe guard of Office.
22.	Mr 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.	Shri Tenzing Lepcha	Office Assistant	Assist Law Officer with works pertaining to Legal Section, etc.
3.	Miss. Netra Chettri	Office Assistant	Assist Law Officer with works pertaining to Legal Section, etc.

Account Section

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Duties/Responsibilities
1.	Mrs. Pratiwa Bantawa	Sr. Accountant	Management & operation of Finance and Accounts matters of the SIC. Responsible for internal and external audit of the Commission
2.	Shri Harka Raj Rai	Accounts Clerk	Finance & Accounts matters

Skilled 'C' Grade Technical Employees of SIC

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Duties
1.	Shri Namfung Lepcha	Driver	Standby driver of the SIC. Additional duty of Office Peon.
2.	Shri Padam Kumar Darjee	Driver	Attached to vehicle No. SK-01G0064 of SCIC.
3.	Shri Dupchen Manchangpa	Driver (MR)	Attached to vehicle No. SK-01G2016 of SIC.
4.	Shri Sanjeev Bardewa	Driver	Attached to Office Veh. No.SK01GB0082
5.	Shri Bhim Kumar	Driver	Attached to vehicle No. SK-01/G/0065 of SCIC.
6.	Shri Ashis Gurung	Driver (MR)	Attached to vehicle No. SK-01G0065 of SCIC.
7.	Shri Sonam Dawa Bhutia	Driver (MR)	Attached to vehicle No.SK01G0620 of Dy.Secretary
8.	Shri Dal Bdr. Chettri	Driver (MR)	Attached to vehicle No. SK-01G2223 of SIC

Home Guards Personnel deployed under SIC

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

FINANCE

Details of Expenditure incurred during the Financial Year 2022-2023

(In Thousands of Rupees)

Salaries	Office Expenses	Travel Expenses	Wages	Total Budget	Utilization
30652	6400	800	1661	39513	39103

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>.

CHAPTER-II

Complaints & Appeals received by the Commission

No of complaints and appeals received and disposed by the Commission from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Sl.No	Classification	Received	Disposed	Pending	Orders Passed	Penalties imposed
1	Appeals	35	35	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Complaints	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total	37	37	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 2022 – 31st March 2023)
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 information	For only inspection 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 Husbandary 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	Ecclesistical 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 Municipality Corporation GMC	22	Nil	Nil	Nil	220	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	Health & 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	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	90+8800	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.	94	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													
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	98+49	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2636+1318	Nil	98+49	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.	(i) Smt Dhan Jyoti Mukhia, IAS (ii) Smt Namrata Thapa, IAS (iii) Smt K.D.Rechung, SCS	Secretary	Appointed as Appellate Authority
2.	Mrs. Paru Rai	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

(1ST April 2022 – 31ST March 2023)

Sl.No.	Name of Department	Appellate Authority	SPIO	ASPIO	Phone No. & Fax No. & website
1	Animal Husbandry LF & VS Department		1. Dr. Sanjay M Gazmer, Additional Director (T&E) SPIO-I 2. Dr.Durga P Pradhan, Joint Director (Poultry) SPIO- II	1. Dr. Dipendra Pradhan. 2. Dr.Arthalal Rai. 3. Dr.Dichen Kaleon. 4. Dr.Narad M.Cintury. 5. Dr.Angela Pradhan. 6. Dr. Kishore Thapa. 7. Ms Sabina Thakuri, Computer Operator, AH&Deptt.	
2	Administrative Reforms Commission, Vidhayak Awas, Vip Colony	1. Mrs, K.D. Rechung, SCS, Secretary, ARC	1. Mrs, Saptika Rai, Joint Secretary, ARC	1. Mr. Gideon Lepcha, Deputy Secretary, ARC	
3	Buildings & Housing Department	1. Smt. Asha Gurung, (Old) Shri, Yadunandan Gautam, Chief Engineer.(New)	1. Shri.Tarun Sharma, (Chief Account Officer) 2. Smt.Rashmi Pradhan, (Addl. Chief Architect). 3. Mr. Kuldeep. 4. Mr. Prem Dhoj Rai, Addl. Secretary	1. Ms. Tshering Chozum, (Account Officer) 2. Smt. Diki Wangmu Bhutia (Sr. Architect) 3. Shri. Obed Rai (Sr. Architect).	1.9434174588/6295531523 2.7872958052
4	Commerce & Industries Department	1. Smt. Suchitra Rasaily, SCS, Special Secretary- Cum-Director, 2. Shri. Karma Sonam Bhutia, Director	1. Smt. Choden Gyatso Bhutia, SCS, Joint Secretary. 2. Mrs. Baby Mukhia, Joint Secretary.	1. Ms. Krishna Kumari Gurung, Deputy Secretary. (Adm. Section). 2. Mr. Hemant Khatiwada, Under Secretary, (Industries Division). 3. Mr. Janak Bdr. Chettri, Assistant Director, (Industries Division). 4. Ms. Bimla Chettri, Assistant	1. 9609876534 2. 9002019160

				Director,(MSME Division) 5. Mrs. Sunita Sharma, Under Secretary Commerce Division.	
(a)	Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom		1. Shri. Tshering Dorjee Bhutia,	1. Shri. Jigme Pintso Bhutia.	
5	Cooperation Department	1. Jabi Thapa, Principal Registrar	1. Shri. Ben Kumar Mukhia, Joint Registrar. Ph. 9593285930 2. Shri Rinzing D. Lepcha, JRCS(9434117700 (Retired) 3. Shri Ben Kumar Sunwar, JRCS South District Office (9593285930) 4. Shri Kamal Pradhan, JRCS West District Office.(7602607444) (Retired) 5. Shri Sonam Dadul Bhutia. Additional Registrar. North District Office.(9775807800) (Retired)	1. Ms. Chanda Rani Rai, Deputy Registrar,(Gangtok District Office). 2. Ms. Laden Gensapa, Deputy registrar,(Gyalshing District Office). 3. Mr.Laxuman Rai, Deputy Registrar,(Namchi District Office). 4. Ratan Hang Subba, Deputy Registrar (Soreng District Office). 5. Ms. Nirulata Chettri, Sr. Aduit Officer, (Pakyong District Office). 6. Mr. Yougal Kishore Pradhan, Sr.Aduit Officer, (Mangan District Office). 7. Mr. Chet Raj Rai, Deputy Registrar, (Rabong District Office). 8. Mr.Tsewang Norbu Bhutia, Assistant Registrar, (Head Office, Gangtok). 9. Ms. Bindita Pradhan, Assistant registrar, Gangtok). 10. Ms. Narim Ming Lepcha, Assistant Registrar, (Rongli Sub Division Office). 11. Ms Nirulata Chettri, Sr. Audit Officer (Pakyong District) 13. Ms. Chandra Rani Rai, DRCS (9932782191)	

				<p>14. Ms. Kessang Yanki, JRCS Officer, Pakyong Sub- Division Office (9832080818)</p> <p>15. Shri Purushottam pradhan, JRCS Officer, Rongli Sub-Division Office (9733532321)</p> <p>16. Shri Sewan Rai, DRCS Officer South District Office. (7679648613)</p> <p>17. Shri Tashi Tsh. Bhutia, JRCS Officer, Rabongla Sub- Division Office. (7550801567)</p> <p>18. Shri Laden Gensapa, DRCS Officer West District Office.(8348111850)</p> <p>19. Shri Ratan Hang Subba, DRCS Officer, Soreng Sub-Division Office.(9733554819)</p> <p>20. Shri Sonam Bhutia, JRCS Officer, North District Office.(9775452195)</p>	
6	Cultural Affairs & Heritage Department	1. Smt.Pragya Singh, Chief Engineer.	<p>1. Smt. Tsewang Doma Bhutia, Addl.Secretary (Administration)</p> <p>2. Smt. Sangay Diki Bhutia, Superintending Engineer (Engineering Section).</p> <p>3. Shri. Bhawani Pd. Rai, Additional Director (State Archives& Museum).</p> <p>4. Smt. Sonam wangmu Shenga, Joint Director (Song&DramaUnits and Librerary section).</p>	<p>1. Smt. Tshering Kipa Bhutia, Under Secretary (Administration).</p> <p>2. Shri. Rapden Pintso Kazi, Divisional Engineer (Engineering Section).</p> <p>3. Smt. Karma Donka Topgay, Assistant Director (I),(Song &Drama Units and Library Section)</p> <p>4. Shri. Hem Raj Rai, A.D (III), Song & Drama Units and Library Section (Song & Drama Units).</p> <p>5. Smt. Deepshika Gurung, Archive</p>	

			<p>5. Miss. Khusbo Subba, Sr.Accounts Officer (Accounts Section).</p> <p>6. Smt. Chunni Tsomu Thakarpa, Addl. Director, ADM Section (State Central Library)</p>	<p>Officer,(Archive Section) (9775403584)</p>	
7	Department of Personnel Adm Reforms, Trg. & Public Grievance	1. Shri. Cheden T. Ladingpa, (Special Secretary).	<p>1. Thinley T. Chankapa, (Addl. Secretary)</p> <p>2. Bimal Rai</p>	1. Madhu Sudan(9434445894)	
8	Development Planning Economic Reforms & North Eastern Council Affairs Department		<p>1. Mrs.Devika R.Gurung, Director (SDG, EAP, NITI Aayog, PRAGATI, MPLADs, NIP, E-Samiksha&PMG).</p> <p>2. Mr. Jigme Samdup Basi, Additional Secretary –I (NEC).</p> <p>3. Mrs. Sharmistha Rai, Additional Secretary-II(All information related to Administration , Twenty points Programme).</p> <p>4. Mr. Pratap Singh Rai, Chief Accounts Officer (All information related to Accounts section)</p> <p>5. Mr.Passang Tshering Bhutia, Joint Director/ Planning Officer (NLCPR, NESIDS, BADP, MDoNER)</p> <p>6. Mr.Palden O. Pazo, Joint Director (IT), (PRC).</p>	<p>1. Ms.Tenzing Pema Bhutia, Deputy Secretary-I (Administration, EAP,MDoNER, NLCPR,&NESIDS)</p> <p>2. 2.Ms. Rajani Sharma, Deputy Secretary –II,(SDG,NITI Aayog,PRAGATI,MPLADS,NIP,E Samiksha&PMG,NEC,Twenty Points Programme)</p> <p>3. Ms. Sonam Choden Bhutia, Under Secretary-I (BADP) 4.Shri. Abi Chandra Sharma, Accounts Officer, (All information related to Accounts Section).</p>	

9	DESM&E		1. Shri Bikram Tamang, Joint Director, DESM&E		9434191661
10	Ecclesiastical Affairs Department	1. Kincho Doma Lepcha, (Special Secretary)	1. Ms.Pema Tsomo,(Joint Secretary) (Transfer) 2. Shri.Tenzing Gelay, Joint Director.Ph. 9593618726	1. Mrs, Man Rupa Tamang, (Under Secretary)	1. 8918657030 2. 9474648598
11	Energy & Power Department	1. Shri, Kazi Pradhan Chief Engineer (East)	1. P.C. Subba, Suprentendent Engineer		9474523402
12	Excise Department	1. Smt. Binita Chettri (Commissioner)	1. Shri. Chetnath Sharma (Asst. Commissioner)	1. Mr. Guru Prasda Dulal, Deputy Commissioner. Pakyong District 2. Mr. Chetnath Sharma, Assistant Commissioner. Mangan District.	1. 9434488658, 2. 9083453848.
13	Finance Revenue & Expenditure Department		1. Persis G. Lucksom, Addl.Director. 2. Sr. Accounts Officer-cum- D&DO Internal Audit/Local Fund Audit	1. Pranita Ghimiray, Under Secretary.	
(a)	Commercial Tax Division		1. Mrs. Asha Subba, Joint Commissioner	1. Shri. Sonam D. Wangchuk, Under Secretary. 2. Mr. Bir Singh Subba, Deputy Commissioner.	
14	Food & Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department	1. Ms. Namrata Thapa, IAS, Secretary, F&CSD	1. Mrs. Diki Doma Bhutia Ph. 8250382541 2. L.B. Pradhan, Legal Metrology Unit. Ph.8016961379		

15	Food Security & Agriculture Department		1. Shri.Rajendra Pd.Thapa, (Additional Director). Ph. 7797882737	1. Dr. Pratap Subba, Additional Director,	Ph. 9733255160
16	Forest, Env. & Wildlife Management Department	1. Shri. Nima Wangdi, Tamang, CCF (HQ) Appellate Authority. Ph. 9434153023.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri. Karma Legshey, Conservator Forest (Territorial)-cum-SPIO.9434127178. 2. Shri. S. Elamurugannan, Conservator Forest (Env&Sc), Member Secretary, State level Appraisal Committee-cum-SPIO.9474628313. 3. Shri. Udai Gurung, Conservator Forest (Social Forestry)-cum-SPIO.8116648844. 4. Shri. N Jaswant, Conservator Forest (WP)-cum-SPIO.8900577320. 5. Mrs. Sonam Choden, Director (KNP/KBR)-cum-SPIO.9434179126. 6. Shri. Nischal Gautam, Additional Director, Joint Director (JD), Research & Extension (Planning, Sericulture & Utilization)-cum-SPIO.7001970878. 7. Shri. B.K. Chettri, Principal Chief Scientific Officer (SPCB)-cum-SPIO.9434257475. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mrs. Hema Sharma, Deputy Secretary ADM Section (HQ)-cum-ASPIO.9832617499. 2. Mr. Manjil Kharel, Assistant Conservator of Forest Territorial (T) Chungthang Sub-Division-cum-ASPIO.9609877218. 3. Mr. Manjil Kharel, Assistant Conservator of Forest Territorial (T) Mangan and Addl. Charge of ACF (T)-cum-ASPIO.9609877218 4. Mr. Tashi Namgyal Lachenpa, ACF Wildlife North Distric Mangan-cum-ASPIO. 5. Mrs. Seema Basnet, ACF & Soil Conservation Chungthang-cum-ASPIO.7407631371. 6. Mr. Lalit Kumar Rai, ACF, (Environment & Soil Conservation) Mangan-cum-ASPIO.9775827048. 7. Ms. Shanta Subba, ACF (Social Forestry) Mangan-cum-ASPIO.7908609658. 8. Mr. Anup Jyoyi Baniya, ACF, Territorial (T) Gangtok-cum-ASPIO.7407181380. 9. Ms. Surya Lata Rai, ACF, Wildlife Gangtok-cum-ASPIO.7866878190. 	

			<p>8. Mr. Abinash Rai, (SCS) Additional Secretary, Forest & Environment Department-cum SPIO.9434488820.</p> <p>9. Mr. Karma Thendup Thapa, Chief Accounts Officer-cum-SPIO.7001157337.</p> <p>10. Jigme Gyatso Bhutia DFO State Bio- Diversity-cum-SPIO. 7908420598.</p> <p>11. Shri. Krisna Devan S, Divisional Forest Officer (HQ) and TA to APCCF-cum-Secretary-cum-SPIO. 8089495719.</p> <p>12. Ms. Sonam Norden Bhutia, Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Gangtok and Addl. Charge (Wildlife Pakyong)-cum-SPIO.9734143165.</p> <p>13. Ms. Dichen Namdul, Divisional Forest Officer (Utilization)-cum-SPIO.9475130351.</p> <p>14. Mr. Jigme Tsewang Sharngoe, Divisional Forest Officer (Survey & Demarcation/FCA)-cum-SPIO.8116158170.</p> <p>15. Mr. Merab Bashnett, Divisional Forest Officer</p>	<p>10. Mr. Churamani Bhandari, ACF, (Environment & Soil Conservation) Gangtok-cum-ASPIO.9434153240.</p> <p>11. Mr. Sanjib Rai, ACF, Territorial (T) Namchi-cum-ASPIO.9734152109.</p> <p>12. Ms. Harimaya Thapa, ACF, Wildlife Namchi-cum-ASPIO.8158986063.</p> <p>13. Ms. Meena Sharma, ACF, (Environment & Soil Conservation) South-cum-ASPIO.7584974614.</p> <p>14. Mr. Pravin gurung, ACF, (Social Forestry) Namchi South Sikkim cum-ASPIO.7365050390.</p> <p>15. Mr. Neeraj Pradhan, ACF, Territorial (T) Ravangla-cum-ASPIO.7908086349.</p> <p>16. Mr. Milan Subba, ACF, (Territorial) Gyalshing District – cum-ASPIO.9775911749.</p> <p>17. Mr. Purna Kr. Sharma, ACF, Environment & Soil Conservation Gyalsing-cum-ASPIO.9382337138.</p> <p>18. Ms. Bindhya Subba, ACF, Territorial (T) Soreng, West Sikkim-cum-ASPIO.9733352679.</p> <p>19. Mr. Easter Lepcha, ACF, Environment & Soil Conservation Soreng District-</p>	
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			<p>(Parks & Garden)(WP)-cum-SPIO. 9593378085.</p> <p>16. Ms. Yangchen Bhutia, Divisional Forest Officer NTFP-cum-SPIO.8670312351.</p> <p>17. Ms. Marmit Lepcha, Divisional Forest Officer, Selviculture-cum-SPIO.8001400851.</p> <p>18. Mr. Pempa Dadul Lachenpa, Divisional Forest Officer (T) Mangan-cum-SPIO.7407182996.</p> <p>19. Mr. Zigdal Lachenpa, SFS Divisional Forest Officer, (Env. & Soil Conservation) North-cum-SPIO.9434117682.</p> <p>20. Mr. Tseten W. Lachungpa, Divisional Forest Officer (Social Forestry, Ecotourism) Mangan District-cum-SPIO.9434409048.</p> <p>21. Mr. Karma Galey, Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Mangan-cum-SPIO.9434318164.</p> <p>22. Ms. Smita Shilal, Divisional Forest</p>	<p>cum-ASPIO.8918114775.</p> <p>20. Mr. Ong Tshering Sherpa, ACF, Social Forestry, Soreng-cum-ASPIO.</p> <p>21. Ms. Aita Maya Subba, Estate Manager ASPIO (Headquarter).9593375388.</p> <p>22. Assistant Conservator of Forest State Bio Diversity-cum ASPIO.</p> <p>23. Shri. Tshering Pintso Bhutia, Additional Director-cum-ASPIO, Sikkim Bio-Diversity and Forest Conservation Project.9733460507.</p>	
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			<p>Officer (Territorial) East-cum- SPIO.9749898690.</p> <p>23. Ms. Arati Basnet, Gangtok, Territorial Pakyong-cum- SPIO.8371899285.</p> <p>24. Ms. Karma Choden Bhutia, Divisional Forest Officer- (Env. & Soil Conservation) East-cum- SPIO.7029199418.</p> <p>25. Ms. Srijana Chettri, Divisional Forest officer (Social Forestry) Gangtok District-cum- SPIO.8372093121.</p> <p>26. Ms. Sonam Norden Bhutia, Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) East Division Gangtok-cum- SPIO.9734143165.</p> <p>27. Ms. Peggyla Ts. Venchungpa, Divisional Forest officer, Territorial (T) South-cum- SPIO.8001076065.</p> <p>28. Mr. Palzor Ongda Bhutia, Divisional Forest Officer, (Env & SC) South-cum-</p>	
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			<p>SPIO.7718787714.</p> <p>29. Ms. Tshering Denka, Divisional Forest officer, Social Forestry South Sikkim- cumSPIO.7547992717.</p> <p>30. Ms. Angel Ongmu Chettri, Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Namchi-cum- SPIO.9593521863.</p> <p>31. Shri. Kshitij Saxena, Divisional Forest officer Territorial (T) Gyalshing- cum-SPIO.9871117594.</p> <p>32. Mr. Nar Singh Rai, Divisional Forest officer, Environment & Soil Conservation West Division-cum- SPIO.7866801298.</p> <p>33. Mr. Arun Gurung, Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry-cum- SPIO.6296692051.</p> <p>34. Ms. Nisha Subba, Divisional Forest Officer, (Wildlife) West-cum- SPIO.9593385156.</p>		
I	Pakyong Disstrict (Forest &Env,Deptt)		DFO (T)	1. Mr.Satish Kumar Vasistha (ACF) Pakyong Territorial.	

II	Soreng District (Forest&Env, Deptt.		1. Shri. Kshitij DFO (T)	1. Mrs. Urmila Subba (ACF)	
17	Health Care Human Services & Family Welfare Department	Shri. Dhiraj Pradhan, Director (Adm.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Gyanendra Kumar Cintury, project Director (Sikkim State aids Control Society). 2. Lok Nath Sharma, Chief Engineer, (Mechanical Engineering Cell). 3. Kamal Gurung Additional Chief Engineer, (Civil Engineering Cell). 4. Dr. D.P. Additional Director, (State Information Education Communication Bureau). 5. Dr.Ghanashyam Luitel, Additional Director, (Central Health stores Organization). 6. Dr. Chodenla Bhutia, Additional Director,(Birth and Death Cell). 7. Dr. Dhan Bahadur Bista, Director, STNM Hospital, (STNM Hospital_ Sochakgang). 8. Dr. Tempo Gyaltzen Bhutia, Chief Medical Officer, East, (District Hospital, Singtam). 9. Dr.Bikash Pradhan, Chief Medical Officer, West, 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr.Manoj Mishra, District Medical Superintendent, (District Hospital, Singtam). 2. Prem Kumari Tamang, Accounts Officer, (Accounts Section), Health Secretariat). 3. Shri Aita Raj Subba, Under Secretary, General Administration. 4. Rinzing Lhosal Bhutia, Assistant Director, Birth & Death Cell. Ph.9434445899 	8145894672

			<p>(District, Hospital, Gyalshing). 10. Dr. Tempo Kaleon Bhutia, Chief Medical Officer, North (District Hospital, Mangan).</p> <p>11. Dr. Devi Charan Sharma, Chief Medical Officer, South (District Hospital, Officer, South (District Hospital, Namchi).</p> <p>12. C. Khewa, Director, (Planning Monitoring Evaluation Cell).</p> <p>13. Neeraj Thapa, Chief Food Inspector (Food Standard and Safety cell).</p> <p>14. Martin Lyangden Lepcha, Chief Drugs Inspector (Drugs and Cosmetic Cell).</p> <p>15. Dr. Kaden Zangmu Bhutia, Joint Director (IDSP, COVID-19).</p> <p>16. Dr. Dawa Doma Bhutia Principal Director, (Medical Reimbursement Cell (TOS, TWS, MMJRK).</p> <p>17. Thutop Targain, Joint Director, Sanitation (Sanitation Cell).</p> <p>18. Dr. Raj Prabha Moktan, Mission Director (National Health Mission).</p>	
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18	Home Department		<p>1. Smt. Bhumika Pradhan, Joint Director(Confidential</p> <p>2. Shri. Abinash Rai, Additional Secretary (ADM)</p>	<p>1 Shri. Prakash Rai, Deputy Secretary-II (confidential).</p> <p>2. Smt. Kunga D.Lachunga, Deputy Secretary- 1(Confidential).</p> <p>3. Shri. John Gurung, Under Secretary (Protocol).</p>	

19	Horticulture & C.C. Development Department	1. Shri. Manoj Kumar Subba, Director	1. Shri. Biju Pariyar, Additional Director.	1. Shri. Dikendra Bhujel, Joint Director	
20	Education Department (HRDD)	1. Secretary, Law Department, Government of Sikkim (First Appellate Authority) --- 202461&202086(0)\281474 @ \202309Fax-9434063526 (m). 2. Chief Information Commissioner, Sikkim Information Commission, Government of Sikkim.(Second Appellate Authority) 203677\228526.	1. Mrs. Jemima Pradhan, Special Secretary. 2. Mr. M.B.Gurung, Chief Engineer (Engineering Section). 3. Mrs. Mamta Thapa, Joint Director SSA/VE (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Vocational Education) 4. Mr.M.P.Subba (M.D.M.TLC/PLP) 5. Mr.C.S.Rao (IFS), Director Establishment /Adm.Sec.) 6. Mr.Rajiv Roka, Deputy Director (Planning Section). 7. Mr.Tamding Bhutia, Office Superintendent (Recruitment Cell). 8. Mr. O.P. Sapkota, Joint Director (DIET) (DIET/SIE). 9. Mr. Deepak Darnal, Director (Account Sec). 10. Mr. T.B.Chettri, Joint Director (Textbook)/ Text Book. 11. Mrs. Jemima Pradhan (Technical Education). 12. Mr. I.K. Chettri, Joint	1. Shri, Tenzing D. Phalontharpa, Deputy Director (SE)	1. 9434743363. 2. 99330295809 3.9434248271 4. 9434013001 5. 9832090458 6.9832090458 7.9434025338 8.9434022605 9.9679916261 10. 9434137457 11. 9434022118 12. 9593782959.

			<p>Director, East (East District HRD Office)</p> <p>13. Mr.Prakesh Pradhan, Joint Director (West District HRD Office).</p> <p>14. Mr. A.B Gurung, Joint Director, North (North District HRD Office).</p> <p>15. Mr. Ganesh Chettri, Joint Director, South (South DistrictHRD Office).</p> <p>16. Mrs. Januki Pradhan, Additional Secretary, (Headquater).</p> <p>17. Ms. Dechen Wangmu, Sr. Accounts Officer, (Accounts Section).</p> <p>18. Shri, Ujjal Rai, Additional Secretary, Directorate of higher Education.</p>		
21	Information & Public Relations Department	1. Shri. Umesh Sunam, Director	1. Mr. UgenThendup Bhutia, (Joint Director/publication).	1. Shri, Guman Singh Subba, Assistant Director	
22	Information Technology Department	1. Yogendra Sharma (Secretary)	1. Sonam Tashi Wangdi 2. Prem Ashis Pradhan		1. 9434107073 2. 9734928568
23	Labour Department	1. D.S Conver. (Special Commissioner)	1. Ms. Urvashi Poudyal Additional Director, (Administration and Accounts).	1. Mr. Karma Namgyal (Secretary)	
24	Skill Dev. And Entrepreneurship Department	1. Shri. Karma Namgyal Bhutia, Secretary.	1. Shri. Samdup Bhutia, (Additional Secretary) 9434725044.	1. Shri.Khusen Chandra Rai, (Deputy Director-II) 8967586975	

25	Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department	1. Smt. Tashi Palmu Bhutia, SCS, Additional Secretary.	1. Shri. Sangay Gyatso Bhutia, SCS, Joint Secretary. Head office	1. Mr. Naresh Shilal, Deputy Director (Acquisition Section)	
i.	East District	DC	1. Shri. Hemant Rai, ADC		7407896459
ii.	West District	DC	ADC		
iii.	North District	DC	ADC		
iv.	South District	DC	ADC	Chewan Rizal	9775822322
26	Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department	1. L.R.-cum- Secretary.	1. Smt. Rinzing Choden, Additional Secretary.	1. Smt.Saloni Pradhan SLS Deputy Legal Officer. 2. Smt. Chimee Yangden	
27	Mines Mineral & Geology Department	1. Shri. Phigu Tshering Bhutia, Director	1. Mr. Saran Silal, Joint Director (Mining) SPIO.	1. Anil Rai, Deputy Director	e.mail- 1.sonam.ongden@sikkim.gov.in 2. pempa.shangdarpa@sikkim.gov.in 3. trilochand.adhikari@sikkim.gov.in
28	Sikkim Police & Vigilance Office	1. Shri, Akshay Sachdeva, IPS, SDGP/L&O.		1. Shri. Thendup Tseten Bhutia, Deputy. S.P. Sikkim Vigilance Police.	
(a)	Sikkim Fire & Emergency Services Gangtok	1. Shri, Akshay Sachdeva, IPS,		1. Shri. Zamyang Tashi Bhutia, Dy. Chief Fire Officer	
29	Printing & Stationary Department	1. Shri. Chopel Lepcha, Director.	1. Shri. Bikash Rai, Joint Director. Ph. 9475709770	1. Shri. Ongdup Lepcha , Sr.Technical Officer - Cum	

30	Roads & Bridges Department	J.E/SPIO			7547968883
31	Rural Development Department	1. Shri. Basant Kumar Lama, Director,	1. Shri. Kosi Kapil	1. Shri, Dinesh Kumar Sharma Deputy Secretary cum State Coordinator (SBM-G)	8016273362
(i)	RDD Ravangla ,South		1. Shri. Sunil Kumar Mothay, 9593975437		
32	Science & Technology Department		1. Mrs. Meena Subba 2. Ms. Neeta Gazmere		
33	Sikkim Legislative Assembly	1. Smt. Sumitra Dong, Joint Secretary (Admn.)	1. Smt. Abi Maya Thapa (Manger), Chief Accounts Officer.	1. Shri. V.M. Subba, Deputy Director(Debates)	
34	Sikkim Public Service Commission		1. Shri. B.B.Gurung Joint Secretary (Adm.)	1. Mr. Kalyan Thapa, Assistant Controller Of examination.	
35	Social Justice Emp. & Welfare Department	1. Shri. Suman Gurung, (Special Secretary)	1. Shri. Subodh Kumar Pokhrel, (Joint Secretary) 9832059648.	1. Prem kamal Rai, Jt.Secy. (Tribal Affairs Division & Tribal Research Institute) - 9635691867. 2. Rituja Rani Gazmer, Sr, AO, (Accounts Section) - 9564944428. 3. Champa Sharma, Dey.Secy, (Social Justice Division) - 9635781643. 4. Ashis Gurung, Deyputy Secretary (Minority Affairs Division)- 9733086938. 5. Vaishnav Gazmer, Deputy Director,(IT Cell) -7001207853.	

				<p>6. Roshan Chettri, Deputy Director/PME (Administration Section&PME Cell)- 8116280672.</p> <p>7. Shri. Gopal Sharma, Devisional Engineer, Engineering Cell, Soreng District.</p> <p>8. Shri. Rajen Gurung, Divisionl Engineer, Engineering Cell, Mangan/Namchi/Gyalshing District.</p> <p>9. Shri. Madan Sharma, Divisional Engineer, Engineering Cell, Planning, Gangtok-I & pakyong District.</p> <p>10. Shri Raju Tamang. Devisional Engineer, Engineering Cell, Gangtok-II.</p> <p>11. Smt. Kabita Subba, Deputy Secretary, Tribal Affairs Division & Tribal Research Institute in partial supersession to 0.0.No. 269/SWD/ADM/2022 dated: 29/11/2022.</p> <p>12. Shri. Paras Mani Kharel. Divisional Engineer, Engineering Cell, Soreng District.</p> <p>13. Shri. Ram Kumar Tamang. Deputy Director, Social Justice Division.</p>	
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i	Women And Child Development Department	1. Smt.Normit Lepcha, Principal Director, ICDS.	1. Smt. Tashi Doma Bhutia , Joint Director, (W&CDD)	1. Ms. Navita Pradhan, Deputy Secretary.	
36	Sports & Youth Affairs Department	1. Shri. Raju Basnett, (Secretary)	1. Dr. R.B.Biswakarma, (Additional Director HQ)	1. Shri. S.B Subba,(Deputy Diector)	7047969092
37	Transport Department (SNT Division)	PCE-cum-GM	1. Shri. Wangu Bhutia (Chief Engineer) Addl. Chief Engineer-II	1. Shri Kamal Kr. Gurung, Joint G.M, GBO . 2. Shri O.B. Chettri, Suprentendent. Engineer, S/W. 3. Shri Sameer Gurung, D.G.M, Rangpo. 4. Shri Manoj Basnett. D.E, Jalipool. 5. Shri Sanjok Thapa, D.E, C/T/W/ Shop, Gangtok.	9547104606
i	Motor Vehicle Div.		1. Shri. Karma Zimba Bhutia, Joint Director (Adm&Plg.), Head Office (Retired)	1. Mr. Sonam W Bhutia, Deputy RTO. 2. Mr. Ram Hang Subba, Deputy RTO/West Gyalshing 3. Mr. Mon Bdr. Gurung, Deputy RTO/North Mangan. 4. Mr. Ben Kr. Chettri, Deputy RTO/Jorethang. 5. Mr. L. Bdr. Pradhan, ARTO/Namchi. 6. Mr. Upendra Rai, ARTO/Soreng. 7. Mr. Palden Bhutia, Deputy RTO/Singtam. 8. Mr. P.R Dulal, Deputy RTO/Pakyong.	

				9. Shri. Biren Rai, ARTO, Regional Transport Office, Gyalshing.	
38	Tourism & Civil Aviation Department	1. Ms. Shanti Tamang, Chief Engineer	1. Mr. Satya Prakash Rai, Addl. Chief Engineer 2. Dr. Prerna Chamling, Addl. Secretary.	1. Ms. Pemala Tshering Bhutia, Superintending Engineer 2. Ms. Binita Thatal, Deputy Secretary	9434169501
39	Urban Development & Housing Department	1. Smt. Roshni Rai, Special Secretary	1. Joint secretary, (ADM) (Head Quater) 2. Chief Architect (DAY-NULM) 3. Additional Director (Accounts section) 4. Joint Seceretary(S/W) (Circle Office, UDD (Jorethang) 5. Joint Secretary-cum-Mission Director (SBM-URBAN) 6. Joint Chief Architect (Town Planning Cell) 7. Superintending Engineer (Engineering Cell (N/E) 8. Superintending Engineer (S/W) (Engineering Cell(S/W)	1. Deputy Secretary (HQ)(ADM)(HQ) 2. Divisional Engineer (HQ) (Engineering Cell (HQ) 3. Divisional Engineer(S/W) (Engineering Cell (S/W) 4. Divisional Engineer (North) (Engineering Cell (North) 5. Deputy Director (Allotment Section) 6. Town Planner, Town Planning Cell (HQ) (Town Planning Cell (HQ) 7. Town Planner, Town Planning Cell (S/W) (Town Planning Cell (S/W) 8. Bazaar Officer (HQ) (For Trade Licence / Sanitation/ Amusement Tax/Entertainment Tax section (HQ) 9. Senior Accounts Officer (HQ) (Accounts Section) 10. Senior Accounts Officer (S/W) (Accounts Section(S/W) 11. Under Secretary (DAY NULM) (DAY_NULM) 12. Under Secretary (SBM-U)	9933326444

				(SBM-U) 13. Under Secretary(S/W) (Circle Office (S/W), UDD (Jorethang).	
40	Water Security & PHE Department	1. Shri. Chetraj Mishra, Chief Engineer.(8972683508)	1. Shri. B.B Rai, Additional Secretary, ADM Section. (9647885768) 2. Shri. Karma Loda Tshering, Addl. Director, Accounts Sec. (9933989175) 3. Shri. Sonam C. Lepcha, Superintending engineer, North - East Circle.	1. Smt. Anita Pradhan, Accounts Officer.(9775271770) 2. Shri. G.T. Wangdi, Divisional engineer(W/S)(9434169532) 3. Shri Tilak Singh Tiwari, Divisional Engineer(East)(9832557583) 4. Shri. Birendra Thapa,Joint Director(IT) Divisional Engineer(North)(9641273676) 5. Shri. Norbu T. Bhutia, Divisional Engineer(South) Divisional Engineer(West) 6. Shri. Cho Norbu Kazi, Divisional Engineer,(9434127207)	
41	Water Resources & River Dev. Deptt.	1. Shri. Ashim Basnett, Addl. Chief Engineer.	1. Shri. Kamal Gurung, Addl. Chief Engineer (S/W) M&E and Planning Division. 2. Shri. Sonam C.Lepcha, (S/E) 3. Shri. Ashim Basnett, Suptd. Engineer (Hydrology) 4. Smt. Jerusha Joy Shrestha, Deputy Secretary ADM. Section. 5. Ms. Meena Tamang, Deputy Director M&E Cell.	1. Shri. Hishey Chewang Bhutia, Div. Engineer (West) Division. 2. Shri. Sangay Nepo Bhutia, Div. Engineer (North) 3. Shri. Birendra Bhujel, Div. Engineer (South) 4. Shri. Yessay Dorjee Bhutia, Div. Engineer (Planning) 5. Shri. Pempa Tsh. Bhutia, Div. Engineer (East) 6. Shri. Bikash lohar, Asst. Engineer (Hydrology) 7. Smt. Samheeta Rai, Under Secretary, ADM. Section.	

			<p>6. Shri. K.G. Dawa, Director (Accounts Section)</p> <p>7. Shri. Deepak Singh, Addl. Chief Engineer (N/E) & Store Division.</p> <p>8. Smt. Sheela Subba, Deputy Secretary, Administrative Section.</p> <p>9. Smt. Champa Yangzam Bhutia, Sr. Accounts Officer, Accounts Section.</p>	<p>8. Shri. Karma Wangdi Bhuti, Asstt. Director (RIMS) M&E Cell.</p> <p>9. Smt. Suzana Sharma, C.A.O Accounts Section.</p>	
42	Raj Bhawan		1. Shri. Bhim Bahadur Berdewa		
43	Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission	1. Mr. Palchen D. Chaktha, Director (T&T) palchen.sserc@gmail.com Ph.9733151828	1. Mr. Jigme W. Bhutia, Additional Director jigme50@gmail.com Ph.9733480001	1. Mr. Pema Rinzing Gyansapa, Assistant Director (Tariff) gyansapa@yahoo.com ph. 8101550558	
44	State Bank of Sikkim	1. Shri. Phurba Wangdi Bhutia (MD) pwamgdi@statebankofsikkim.com ph. 8967207219	1. Shri. Shanti Ram Karki, (Chief G.M) cgmstatebankofsikkim@gmail.com ph. 9434864292	1. Shri. Kuncheok Tenzing GM (C) kuncheok@statebankofsikkim.com ph. 9434022144	
45	Sikkim Information Commission	1. Shri. C.S.Rao, Principal Secretary	1. Mrs. Paru Rai, Deputy Secretary	1. Mrs. Tshering Choden Bhutia, Law Officer	sic-skm.nic.in/ cicsikkim2023@gmail.com
46	State Election Commission, Sikkim		1. Mr. Samdesh Moktan, Joint Director	1. Mrs. Vavna Rai, Private Secretary	
47	Lokayukata			1. Shri. Sanjay Gurung, Court Marshall Cum- Deputy Legal Officer.	

48	SIDICO	1. Mr. Jigme T .Tonyot GM (F&A). jttonyot@gmail.com	1. Mr. Sanjay Shiwakoty GM (legal) Head Office, sanjayshiwakoti923@gmail.com	1. Mr. Bidhan Koirala Manager (cells) Head Office, Gangtok. 2. Mr. Harka Narayan Pradhan Deputy. Manager, Jorethang Branch Office. harkapradhan.hp@gmail.com	
49	STCS	1. Mrs. Trazan Subba,(MD STCS)	1. Mrs. Menla Ethanpa (GM) 2. Rogar Rai (Senior GM) 3. Mr. Yastwanta Kr. Subba (SPIO) (9647854472)	1. Mr. Sonam Chopel (GM) (9932708155)	9434169803
50	SIMFED		1. Shri. Kailash Rai, General Manager, (9832014342). 2. Shri. Tshering Tamang, Assistant Manager,(6297107310)		
51	State pollution Control Board	1. Shri. Nima Wangdi Tamang, Chief Conservator of Forest, (Head Quarter) pccf-fewd@sikkim.gov.in Ph. 9434153023	1. Shri. Bindey Kumar Chettri, Principal Chief Scientific Officer cbindey@gmail.com ph.9434257475	1. Shri. Ranjan Rai, Executive Environmental Engineer spcbsikkim@gmail.com ph. 7407181551	
52	SISCO	1. Mr. R.L Sharma, General Manager	1. Mr. Karma Jigmee Lama, General Manager	1. Mr. T.R. Dorjee, Deputy General Manager	
53	The ICFAI University, Sikkim		1. Smt. Benu Kharga, Sr. Administrative Officer.		
54	Sikkim State Co-operative Bank Ltd	1. Mr. R.L. Sharma, Deputy General Manager	1. Mr. Deepak Tewari, Assistant General Manager	1. Mr. T.R. Dorjee, AGM. (East/North) 2. Ms. Anuja Pradhan, AGM. (South/West)	
55	Sikkim State University	1. Shri. Karma Sonam Bhutia, Registrar	1. Ms. Babylla Topden, Assistant Registrar		9609015770/ 7908827952.

CHAPTER-VII

ORDER PASSED BY THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER OF SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION DURING THE YEAR 2022-2023

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Complaint No. 01/SIC/2022 dated. 09/ 11/2022.

Appellant : Shri. Samsu Hang Subba.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Forest Env. & Wildlife Management Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 05.1.2023.

The applicant Shri. Samsu Hang Subba Present.

The D.F.O cum SPIO (HQ), Ms. Bhumika Rai present along with Ms. Indira Kharel present on behalf of Respondent.

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 as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 18.8.2022. He has further submitted that he also did not get any relief from the First Appellate Authority of his Appeal Application under section 19(1) of the Act dated 30.9.2022.

On the other hand, the SPIO has submitted that the RTI application dated 18.8.2022 of the applicant had transferred to the D.F.O cum SPIO, Utilization Circle and the D.F.O cum SPIO Territorial East/West/North and South of the Forest Department of Government of Sikkim.

She has further submitted that in connection with an Appeal Application under section 19(1) which is pending before the First Appellate Authority of Forest Department the applicant had informed vide letter no: 362to363/GOS/F/RTI (HQ)/16 (II) dated 10.10.2022 to be deposited a fee of Rs 100/- under major head of RTI to take further action by the First Appellate Authority. However, the applicant did not take any steps in connection with that letter and that is why no action has been taken by First Appellate Authority till date of the Appeal Application under section 19(3) of the Act.

Having heard the parties and documents on record it is seen that the first Appeal Application under section 19(1) is still pending before the First Appellate Authority for disposal.

The case files being forwarded back to the First Appellate Authority of the Forest Department to take necessary step as per the procedure of the Act and file compliance before the Commission on 30.1.2023 without fail.

The applicant is directed to deposit a fee of Rs 100/- for the Appeal Application under section 19 (1) of the Act which is mandatory as per Rule 12 of the Sikkim State Right to Information Regulation of Fee, Cost & Miscellaneous Rules, 2005.

A copy of order to be served to the parties to take necessary steps.

Next date for hearing on 30.1.2023.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Complaint No.01/SIC/22 dated.09 /11/2022.

Appellant : Shri. Samsu Hang Subba.

Vs.

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

Date of Order: 30.1.2023.

The DFO cum SPIO, Smt. Bhumika Rai....Present. The applicant, Shri. Samsu Hang Subba....Present.

That on the last hearing dated 5.1.2023, the SPIO had submitted that the First Appeal Application under section 19 (1) had not been disposed of from the level of First Appellate Authority, Forest and Environment Department.

That, on the basis of submission made by the SPIO, the Commission has forwarded back the instant case to the First Appellate Authority of Forest and Environment Department to take necessary steps as per the procedure of the Act and file a compliance before the Commission on 30.1.2023 without fail.

During hearing, the SPIO has pressed the ordersheet of First Appellate Authority/CCF (HQ), F&ED which was received by the Commission on 27.1.2023.

In the order the First Appellate Authority had directed that the SPIOs present i.e. DFO cum SPIO, Namchi, DFO cum SPIO, North, DFO cum SPIO, East and DFO cum SPIO, Territorial, Geyzing, West Division who have not furnished the details information are directed to furnish requisite information to the applicant by 28.1.2023 without fail.

The appellant on the other hand has submitted that he has received the information from all the D.F.O cum SPIO except from the SPIO, Territorial, Geyzing, West Division.

The D.F.O cum SPIO, Territorial, Geyzing, West Division has failed to compliance the direction of the First Appellate Authority, Forest and Environment Department.

The D.F.O cum SPIO, Territorial, Geyzing, West Division is hereby directed to compliance the order of the First Appellate Authority/CCF (HQ), F&ED passed on 21.1.2023 and to provide the information as sought by the application on or before 23.2.2023 without fail and file a compliance before the Commission on 23.2.2023.

The D.F.O cum SPIO, Territorial, Geyzing, West Division if fail to furnish the sought information within the time as directed by the Commission then he may be imposed a penalty under section 20(1) and disciplinary action under section 20(2) of the Act after fulfilling all the procedures as mentioned in the Act.

Issue Notice to the D.F.O cum SPIO, Territorial, Geyzing, West Division.

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

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

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

Complaint No. 01/SIC/2022 dated. 08/11/2022.

Appellant : Shri. Samsu Hang Subba.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Forest and Environment Department, West Sikkim.

Date of Order: 15.03.2023.

The complainant, Shri. Samsu Hang Subba Present.

The DFO cum SPIO, Shri. T.B. Gurung.....Present.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with a complaint on the ground that he did not get the information as per the order passed by the Ld. Information Commissioner dated 30.1.2023.

On the other hand the SPIO has submitted that he was busy for his other official work as he was to be retired in next fifteen days because of which he did not get time to provide the information within the time as directed by the Commission.

Having heard the parties and documents on record it is unfortunate on the part of the Forest and Environment Department that they have failed to arrange the other SPIO in place of the already retired SPIO, which is mandatory as per Section 5(1) of the Act.

This act, of carelessness by the Department has shown that the officials are not taking their responsibility seriously. I hope that in future such type of irresponsible act will not be repeated again.

The Head of Department of the Forest and Environment Department is directed to arrange as soon as possible the appointment of new SPIO at Gyalshing (Territorial), West Division, West Sikkim and at the meantime the Assistant Public Information officer (APIO) is directed to provide the information by 6.4.2023 without fail. If the APIO fails to provide the information within the time as directed then the penalties provision as mentioned in the Act will be imposed after fulfilling all the procedures as mentioned in the Act.

To serve a copy of order to the Head of the Department (HOD) of Forest and Environment Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim for taking necessary steps.

The APIO to be file a compliance of the order on or before 6.4.2023 without fail.

Issue a copy of order to all the concerned parties.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

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

Appeal No. 41/SIC/2022 dated. 18/ 11/2022.

Appellant : Shri. Lhedup Gyamtso Bhutia.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: District Collectorate, Pakyong, East Sikkim.

Date of Order:05.01.2023.

The Applicant, Shri. Lhendup Gyamtso Bhutia....Present.The Respondent.....Absent.

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 as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 23.8.2022.

He has further submitted that he also did not get any relief from the First Appellate Authority of his Appeal Application under section 19(1) of the Act.

Having heard the applicant and the documents on record it is seen that the applicant had filed the RTI application dated 23.8.2022 before the Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Gangtok and the same has been transferred to District Collectorate, East on 24.8.2022.

The District Collectorate, East had transferred the said case to the SPIO, District Collectorate, Pakyong District, East Sikkim vide Memo No: 611/DC (G)/2022 dated 31.12.2022 with a request to provide the information directly to the applicant with intimation to District Collectorate, East Sikkim as the information falls under the jurisdiction of District Collectorate, Pakyong District, East Sikkim.

Issue Notice to the SPIO, District Collectorate, Pakyong District with a direction to bring the details of the information as sought by the applicant on the next hearing date.

Issue Notice to all the concerned parties for the next hearing fixed on 30.1.2023.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 41/SIC/20 dated.18 /11 /2022.

Appellant : Shri. Lhedup Gyamtso Bhutia.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: District Collectorate, Pakyong, East Sikkim.

Date of Order: 30.01.2023.

The District Collector cum First Appellate Authority, Shri. Tashi Chopel....Present.

The applicant, Shri. Lhendup Gyamtso Bhutia....Present.

That today is the date fixed for providing the information as sought by the applicant. The First Appellate Authority has filed the information and the same were handed over to the applicant before the court.

In the reply, it has been mentioned that with regard to query no. 2the applicant has not clearly mentioned the subject of Form VIII (the context relating to Form VIII A) because of which the District Collectorate, Pakyong and in connection with query no. 3 wherein the applicant had sought for the certificate copy of the mutation register, the SPIO has submitted that the mutation register is not available in this office since as per the remarks column of record of right the mutation was done at Gangtok Sub-Division and the mutation register would be available at Gangtok Sub-Division itself.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the applicant has just mentioned a certified copy of the Form VIII A, which is not clear, hence the submission as made by the SDM,Pakyong Sub-Division has been accepted and direct the applicantto file a fresh application before the office of District Collectorate, Pakyong district in a detailed manner.

That in connection with query no. 3 wherein the applicant had asked for the certified copy of mutation register, the SPIO has directed to furnish the same as and when the office of District Collectorate, Pakyong district will receive the question file from the District Collectorate, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

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. 37/SIC/2022 dated. 29/09/2021.

Appellant : Shri. Debya Shree Kerongi.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Rural Management and Dev.

Department, Gangtok, EastSikkim.

Date of Order: 5.01.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Debya Shree Kerongi absent as the Notice was not duly served upon him.

The Nodal SPIO Smt. Koshi Kapil present along with Deputy Secretary Shri. S.C. Cintury. and Assistant Engineer, Shri. Tashi Topden Bhutia.

The Superintendent Engineer cum SPIO, Smt. Puspa Lata Gurung absent, the Assistant Engineer has filed an application of her personal exemption on the ground of medical.

The exemption of personal appearance of Superintendent Engineer cum SPIO Smt. Puspa Lata Gurung has been considered.

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

During hearing the Nodal SPIO has submitted that the half of the information as sought by the Applicant had already been provided to the applicant. However, some of the information are yet to be traced out.

The Assistant Engineer, Shri. Tashi Topden Bhutia, has also submitted that the hard copies of Measurement Book will be provided to the applicant as and when it reaches to the office. In perusal to locate the Measurement Book the letter bearing Memo No: 64/AE/RDD/Kaluk dated 26.6.2022 to the Divisional Engineer, RDD, Gyalshing and 70/ AE/RDD/Kaluk dated 1.7.2022 to the Senior Account officer (PMGSY) RDD, Gangtok has been issued.

He has further submitted that as per the direction of the First Appellate Authority the joint inspection for demarcation of the PMGSY road was conducted on 27.9.2022 and the query nos. 6,7 and 8 were transferred to the Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department. The office of the RDD, Kaluk Sub-Division has fixed a date to carry out a detailed survey as per the joint inspection of 27.9.2022 on 9.1.2023.

Having heard the Respondents and documents on record. The concerned SPIO, Smt. Puspa Lata Gurung is directed to submit the proper report of query nos. 4,5,10,12,18 and 19 on the next date and if the information of above queries are not able to trace out then file an affidavit stating that the information is not available.

Issue Notice to all the concerned parties for next hearing on 30.1.2023.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 37/SIC/2022 dated. 29/09/2021.

Appellant : Shri. Debya Shree Kerongi.
Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Rural Management and Dev. Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Date of Order:10.02.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Debya Shree Kerongi. Present.

The Nodal SPIO Smt. Koshi Kapil present along with Assistant Engineer, Shri. Tashi Topden Bhutia.

The Superintendent Engineer cum SPIO, Smt. Puspa LataGurung absent.

Smt. Puspa Lata Gurung (SPIO) has filed an exemption application of her personal appearance on the ground that she is on medical leave due to an accident.

The exemption of Smt. Puspa Lata Gurung (SPIO) has beenconsidered by the Commission.

That today is the date fixed for hearing and providing the information as directed in the order dated 5.1.2023.

In the order the concerned SPIO, Smt. Puspa Lata Gurung has been directed to submit the proper report of queries nos. 4,5,10,12,18 and 19 and if the information of the said queries are unable to trace then file an affidavit stating that the information isnot available.

During hearing the Assistant Engineer has filed an affidavit as signed by the SPIO, Smt. Puspa Lata Gurung as a deponent which has contain the full information of query nos. 4,5,10,12,18 and 19.

A copy of affidavit has been handed over to the applicant.

There is a total compliance as directed in the order dated 5.1.2023, with the above direction the instant case has been disposed of.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 18/SIC/20 dated. 25 /05/2022.

Appellant : Shri. Nim Pincho Bhutia.

Vs.

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

Date of Order:30.01.2023.

The ADC cum SPIO, Shri. Hemmant Rai....Present.The applicant, Shri. Nim, Pincho Bhutia....Present.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with arejoinder application.

During hearing the applicant has submitted that he did not get the information as per the direction of Commission. On the other hand, the SPIO has filed a counter statement of the rejoinder application filed by the applicant.

In the rejoinder application, the SPIO has submitted that the date of hearing has been fixed on 10.2.2023 for final disposal of the matter before the District Collectorate and he has further submitted that the said date i.e. 10.2.2023 would be the last and final date for the matter to be disposed of on merit.

The SPIO has requested the Commission that this matter beremanded back to office of the SPIO, DAC, Gangtok, East Sikkim for its decision on merit.

On the other hand the applicant did not put any objection on the submission as made by the SPIO.

Having heard the parties and documents on record the instant matter has been remanded back to District Collectorate, Gangtok, East Sikkim to take necessary steps on the submission as submitted by the SPIO and file a compliance before the Commission on 15.2.2023 without fail.

To file a compliance on 15.2.2023.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

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

Appeal No. 18/SIC/2022 dated. 25/05/2022.

Appellant : Shri. Nim Pincho Bhutia.

Vs.

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

Date of order: 03.05.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Nim Pincho Bhutia Present.

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

Shri. Rahul Rathi present on behalf of third parties, Shri. PassangSherpa and Smt. Pema Yangee Sherpa.

That today is the date fixed for hearing in connection with a rejoinder application filed on 1.3.2023.

During hearing, the appellant has submitted that he is not satisfied with the order as passed by the SPIO on. He has further stated that, he may be provided with the required information as sought by him as he has a doubt on the authentication of COI of Smt. Pema Yangee Sherpa and Shri. Passang Sherpa.

On the other hand the SPIO has submitted that, as per the directives of the Commission order dated 28.6.2022, he has conducted the hearing after issuing summon to all the concerned parties and has passed an order "mentioning that "there is no element of Public Interest being demonstrated by the applicant as against the information sought by and the same had been denied by the third party stating that the information as sought by the applicant is covered by Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act and the applicant has no Public Interest in seeking the personal information of the Respondent".

Advocate, Shri. Rahul Rathi appearing on behalf of Third Party has submitted that the applicant (Nim Pincho Bhutia) has no locus standi to file a RTI application. He has also challenge that the Appeal Application under section 19 (3) of the Act, is not maintainable, because the same has been filed without going before the First Appellate Authority. He further stated that the information as sought by the applicant are totally personal documents and there is no larger Public interest.

The Commission would like to appraise that any citizen can file a RTI application and there is no requirement of locus standi for seeking information under RTI Act and the right to seek and obtain information. Right to Information promotes the regime of transparency and shuns the regime of secrecy. Right to Information Act, 2005 was enacted to uphold the democratic ideals of the country and to promote public interest.

The submission as made by the Advocate Shri. Rahul Rathi stating that Appeal under section 19 (3) is not maintainable in the eye of law is totally wrong because the instant Appeal under section 19 (3) has fulfilled all the procedures required to file an Appeal under section 19 (3) i.e. (1)A copy of RTI application submitted before the SPIO, (2)A copy of the First Appeal made to the First Appellate Authority.

In Section 19 (3) of the Act specifically mentioned that a second appeal against the decision under 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 State Information Commission

That in the instant case, the applicant had filed his first RTI application before the SPIO on 24.2.2022, he did not get any of the information then he had filed an Appeal under section 19 (1) before the First Appellate Authority on 28.3.2022. The First Appellate Authority has also failed to entertain the Appeal Application, thereafter he had filed a second Appeal before the Commission on 25.5.2022.

That, the Commission had conducted the hearing in the presence of Appellant and SPIO on 28.6.2022. Upon considering the submission of the SPIO Commission felt that the intervention of the Commission is not required at that stage, as such, the instant case was being forwarded back before the SPIO with a direction to pass a speaking order by giving justification for the decision arrived at and file a compliance of the directives before the Commission within fifteen days from the date of hearing, however, the SPIO has failed to comply with the order dated 28.6.2022 passed by the Commission, therefore the Appellant had filed a rejoinder application stating that he did not get the information as per the order of the Commission passed on 28.6.2022.

That, in connection with the rejoinder application dated 15.9.2022, the SPIO had filed a Counter Statement stating that the instant matter is still being examined by the First Appellate Authority, District Collectorate, Gangtok, East Sikkim and the hearing process has not been completed as required under section 11 of the RTI Act. He has therefore requested the Commission to referred back the said case before the First Appellate Authority and also to the SPIO for taking necessary order from their end.

As requested, the case file has again being remanded back to the District Collectorate, Gangtok, East Sikkim to take necessary steps with a direction to file a compliance before the Commission on 15.2.2023 without fail.

The SPIO had passed an order on 13.2.2023 after issuing Notice to all the concerned parties.

The applicant being not satisfied with the order passed by the SPIO had filed an application on 1.3.2023. The applicant had fulfilled all the procedures require to file an Appeal under section 19 (1) of the Act.

The Commission noted that what type of information may be obtained under the RTI Act.

The type of information which may be obtained is defined under section 2 (f) of the Act, as any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, emails, log books, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a Public Authority under any other law for the time being in force.

What is Private documents ?

Private documents; Private documents are those documents which are prepared between persons for their casual business transactions and communications. These documents are kept in the custody of a private person only and are not made available to the Public at large. Certified copies of the private documents are generally not considered as evidence unless there is proof of the original copy is provided.

What is Public documents ?

Public documents; Public documents are those documents which are authenticated by a Public Officer and subsequently which is made available to its Public at large for reference and use. Public documents also contain statements made by the Public Officer in their official capacity, which acts as admissible evidence of the fact in civil matters. These documents are also shown as Public records as these are issued or published for Public knowledge.

What is larger Public Interest under the Act.

The Right to information Act, 2005 of India, was enacted to provide citizens with a legal mechanism for requesting and obtaining information held by the Government. The Act provides for the release of information that is in the larger Public Interest, which is a key principle underlying the Act.

Concept of larger Public Interest is defined in Section 8 (2) of the Act as “larger Public Interest includes such matters in which the Public at large has a right to know that information can be disclosed if it is in the interest of the Public to know”. This means that information can be disclosed if it is in the interest of the Public to know as if the Public at large has a right to know the information.

Larger Public interest under the RTI Act refers to the general welfare of the Public at large, rather than the interest of an individual or a group of individuals. This means that information that is considered to be in larger Public interest is information that would have a significant impact on the well being of the general population. This can include information about government policies, programmes and schemes. Public services, infrastructure, environment and other matter of Public importance.

Under the Act, a question has arisen whether the Public Authority can disclose such information under the RTI Act, 2005. If yes, what procedure is required to be followed for hearing so.

Section 11 of the Act provides the procedure of disclosure of “third party” information. According to it, if a Public Information Officer intends to disclose any information of a third party, the PIO, before taking the decision to disclose the information shall invite the third party to make submission in the matter. The PIO cannot disclose such information unless the procedures prescribed in the Section 11 is completed.

Thus, at the present case the entire context of Section 11 has been examined/exercised.

Having heard the parties and documents on record and considering the definition of Private document , Public document and the larger Public Interest the order dated 13.2.2023 passed by the SPIO is quashed and has directed to the SPIO to provide a copy of COI of Smt. Pema Yangee and Shri. Passang Sherpa within 15 days from the date of order.

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Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

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

Appeal No. 05/SIC/2023 Dated. 8/02/2023.

Appellant : Shri. Tshering Chopel Bhutia.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer: Gangtok Smart City Development Limited, Gangtok, EastSikkim.

Date of Order:15.03.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Tshering Chopel Sherpa....Present.

The SPIO, Shri. Dipanker Lama present along with Bhupendra Kothari, Chief Engineer and Kalzang R. Lepcha, Assistant Engineer.

The Third Party, Shri. Akhil. D and Shri. Subham. M. Present for M/S Mesaso Infrastructure Private Limited.

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 as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 17.11.2022 wherein he has asked for the lease agreement between the Government of Sikkim and the party with regard to the Old STNM Hospital, Old Children Park, Old West Point School Building, Old South West & East Sikkim Taxi Stand premises, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

On the other hand the SPIO has submitted that the appellant has already been provided the information of lease agreement between Government of Sikkim and party with regard to Old STNM Hospital and Old Children Park. He has further submitted that he has no problem to provide a copy of lease agreement between the Government of Sikkim and the Third/Private party of Old West Point School, Gangtok.

He has further submitted that a copy of said lease agreement has already been uploaded in their website.

The third party has also agreed to provide the information as sought by the applicant and the details of third party i.e. certificate of incorporation.

Having heard the parties and documents on record it is seen that the appellant has already been provided the information of Old STNM Hospital and Old Children Park vide Memo No:673/GSCDC/2022 dated 16.12.2022.

The SPIO is directed to provide a copy of lease agreement between the Government of Sikkim and the third/private party of Old West Point School and the details of the company i.e. certificate of incorporation to the appellant within ten days from the date of hearing and file a compliance report before the Commission for compliance.

With the above observation the instant case has been disposedoff.

Sd/-
Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 15/SIC/2023 Dated.29.08.2023

Appellant : Shri. Tshering Chopel Sherpa.

Vs.

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

Date of Order: 20.09.2023.

The applicant, Shri. Tshering Chopel Sherpa.....Present.

The SPIO, Ms. Koshi Kapil and APIO, Shri. C.S. Limboo.....Present.

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

During hearing, the appellant Shri. Tshering Chopel Sherpa has submitted that he did not get the information as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 8.5.2023.

He has further submitted that at the time of hearing before the First Appellate Authority, the Block Development officer cum APIO Shri. C.S. Limboo has failed to provide the information as per the procedure as the information was not in the name of the appellant.

The appellant has further submitted that, since the APIO, Shri. C.S. Limboo had failed to provide the information, thereafter the appellant filed an appeal before the Commission.

On the other hand the SPIO, Ms. Koshi Kapil has submitted that the First Appellate Authority had conducted the hearing on 24.7.2023 and has passed an order with a direction to the APIO to provide the required information as sought by the appellant since, the appellant had denied to take the information from the head office, Gangtok, Sikkim. A copy of order passed by the First Appellate Authority has also been filed by the SPIO.

The APIO, Shri. C.S. Limboo has submitted that as per the order of the First Appellate Authority he had submitted the information before the First Appellate Authority, Rural Development Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Having heard the parties and documents on record, it is seen that the APIO, Shri. C.S. Limboo was not aware of the procedure of the RTI Act 2005 and had no idea, as to how to furnish the information as sought through RTI Act. Therefore, the APIO, Shri. C.S. Limboo is directed to go through the RTI Act thoroughly and to provide the information as sought by the appellant with a proper forwarding note in the name of the appellant on or before 27.9.2023 and file compliance before the Commission for compliance.

The appellant is to be provided the information free of charge.

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. 16/SIC/2023 Dated 9.10.2023.

Appellants : Mr. Tshewang Namgyal Bhutia.

Vs.

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

Date of Order:08.11.2023.

The Appellant Shri. Tshewang Namgyal Bhutia.....Present.

That today is the date fixed for preliminary hearing.

During hearing the applicant has submitted that on the basis of his RTI application dated 15.5.2023 addressed to the SPIO, District Administrative Centre, Gangtok, Sikkim he got the incomplete information on 4.7.2023.

The applicant being not satisfied with the information as provided by the SPIO cum ADC, Gangtok, he had filed an Appeal before the District Collectorate, Gangtok on 25.7.2023. He has further submitted that he did not get any information in connection with his Appeal Application dated 25.7.2023, thereafter he had filed an Appeal under section 19 (3) before the Commission on 6.10.2023.

Upon considering the hearing and the documents on record, it is seen that the applicant had filed the First Appeal under section 19 (1) in a wrong address addressing the “State Information Commissioner, District Administrative Centre, Gangtok, Sikkim”.

In Section 19 (1) of the Act, it is stated that 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.

As such, it is not appropriate on the part of the Commission to entertain the second Appeal under section 19 (3) without giving the opportunity of hearing before the First Appellate Authority.

Therefore, An Appeal under section 19 (3) is dismissed.

Sd/-
Chief Information Commissioner
Sikkim Information Commission

SIKKIM INFORMATION COMMISSION
LOWER SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

Appeal No. 18/SIC/2023 Dated 20.10.2023.

Appellants : Mr. Karma Wangdi Bhutia.

Vs.

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

Date of Order: 24.01.2024.

The Appellant Karma Wangdi Bhutia.....Present.

The ADC cum SPIO, Shri. Milan Rai present along with APIO cum SDM, Shri. Suresh Rai

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 query no. 2 to 10 of his RTI application dated 5.7.2023.

On the other hand, the SPIO, Shri. Milan Rai has submitted that the information which was provided before was by the then SPIO stating that as per report of the concerned section of the Collectorate office the information sought could not be traced out. He has further submitted that he is making his best efforts to trace the missing file and pray that he may be granted some more time.

Having heard the parties and the documents on record, it is seen that the information as sought by the applicant pertain to 2019, as such, it should not be difficult to trace the file.

In the Act, under Sub-Clause (3) of Section 8 it has been reflected that any information relating to any occurrence, event or matter which has taken place, occurred or happened twenty years before the date on which any request is made under Section 6 shall be provided to any person making a request under that Section.

Therefore the SPIO and APIO present today are directed to provide the information within 25th February and file compliance before the Commission. The applicant has a liberty to file a rejoinder application within 15 days from the date of receipt of information if he is not satisfied.

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

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.