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MANIPUR INFORMATION COMMISSION
*SECRETARIAT NORTH BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR,
BEHIND WESTERN BLOCK,
IMPHAL, MANIPUR.*
Phone No: 0385-2456495/ 8131822956

Appeal case No. 101 of 2025

R.K. Paul – Appellant.

-vs-

The SPIO/ Executive Engineer, PHED, Senapati, Manipur & Anr. – Respondents.

DECISION

Dated: - 29.7.2025

The SPIO/ PHED is represented by Ms. Gurumayum Ranjita Devi, Junior Engineer, PHED. R.K. Paul Chawang, the Appellant appears in person.

Facts of the Case:

One Shri R.K. Paul Chawang of Oklong Maryram village filed an RTI application dated 18.3.2025 to the Public Information Officer, Office of the DC, Senapati District seeking information on five points in connection with the implementation of Jal Jeevan – Har Ghar Jal Scheme in Senapati District, Manipur u/s 6 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Office of Deputy Commissioner, Senapati District transferred the said RTI application to the concerned Public Authority, EE/ PHED, Senapati on 28.3.2025 u/s 6 (3) of the RTI Act. However, the Appellant was not informed by the concerned Office of DC, Senapati district about the transfer of the pertinent RTI application.

The Applicant filed another application dated 27.5.2025 to the SPIO/ PHED, Manipur, however some technical error was committed by the Applicant, as the designation of the addressee was mentioned as SPIO instead of FAA/ PHED, Manipur.

During the hearing today, the Public Authority of PHED, Manipur has submitted some information before the Commission and the same was also handed over to the Applicant. Detailed below are the list of information that has been furnished by the Public Authority during the hearing:

Sl. No.	Queries	Information
1	Project and Financial Details: a) Provide a copy of the approved project proposal and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Jal Jeevan Mission in Senapati District.	provided
	b) Provide details of funds allocated, sanctioned, and disbursed under the scheme for the last Six years (2019-2025 year-wise breakdown).	provided
	c) Provide details of utilization certificates and audited financial reports related to the scheme.	not provided
	d) Provide copies of tender notices, bidding processes, and names of contractors/suppliers awarded contracts	not provided
	e) Provide information on any additional funds requested or received beyond the original project budget.	
2	Physical Implementation & Groundwork:	

	a) Provide the total number of villages and households covered under the scheme in Senapati District.	provided
	b) Provide details of the completed and ongoing works under the scheme, including location-wise status.	provided (Annexure II)
	c) Provide copies of third-party inspection reports, if any, verifying the work completed. d) Provide the list of agencies, firms, or individuals responsible for implementation at different levels.	not provided
	d) Provide the list of agencies, firms, or individuals responsible for implementation at different levels.	provided (Annexure III)
	e) Provide details of any deviations, project delays, or failures in meeting targets.	not provided
3	Quality of Work & Accountability: a) Provide details of water quality tests conducted at different project sites, along with results.	provided
	b) Provide details of grievances or complaints received regarding the implementation of the scheme and actions taken.	not provided
	c) Provide names and designations of officers responsible for monitoring and supervising the execution of the project.	provided
	d) Provide a copy of the social audit report or any community feedback surveys conducted regarding the project.	not provided
	e) Provide information regarding any notices issued to contractors or officials due to project deficiencies or mismanagement	
4	Transparency & Public Awareness: a) Provide details of public awareness campaigns conducted under the scheme.	provided reply
	b) Provide details of beneficiaries who have received functional household tap connections (FHTCs).	provided name of 4 villages.
	c) Provide a copy of guidelines or standard operating procedures for public participation in monitoring the scheme.	not provided
	d) Provide details of any meetings held with local governing bodies (Gram Panchayats/Village Councils) regarding scheme execution.	provided certificates.
5	Miscellaneous: a) Provide certified copies of any internal or external audits conducted on the implementation of the scheme.	not provided.
	b) Provide details of any FIRs, legal cases, or vigilance inquiries initiated against officials, contractors, or others regarding fund mismanagement or corruption under the scheme.	NA

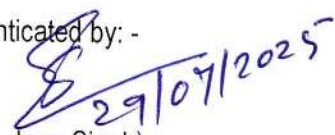
After hearing from both the parties, it has been found that Applicant has not yet approached the First Appellate Authority/ Secretary (PHED), Government of Manipur u/s 19 (1) of the RTI Act. This procedural lapses on the part of the Applicant has limited the Commission from taking up Second Appeal proceedings in the Commission.

Accordingly, the Commission remands the present RTI petition to the FAA/ PHED, Government of Manipur. The FAA shall decide the First Appeal petition within a period of 30 days, extendable to 45 days, with reasons for delay to be recorded in writing. The Appellant is also advised to file a fresh First Appeal petition to the FAA/ Secretary (PHED), Government of Manipur, u/s 19 (1) of the RTI Act. If the applicant does not receive an order/ any response from the FAA/ Secretary (PHED), Government of Manipur within 45 days from the date of filing First Appeal petition, he is given a liberty to file a fresh 2nd Appeal petition to the Commission.

With this observation, the present case is closed.

Sd/-
(K. Radhashyam Singh)
State Chief Information Commissioner
Manipur Information Commission.

Authenticated by: -


(S. Inao Singh)
Deputy Registrar (Judl. - I),
Manipur Information Commission

Copy to: -

1. The FAA/ Secretary (PHED), Government of Manipur.
2. The SPIO/ EE, PHED Senapati District, Manipur.
3. R.K. Paul, contact No. 8638109985.
- ✓ 4. Joint Secretary (MIC), Manipur for uploading in the Manipur Information Commission official website.

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