

**MEGHALAYA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION,
SHILLONG**

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No. MIC/Appeal/15/2006

ORDER

6-12-2006

Seen appeal petition dated 4-12-2006 filed by Smti Irene P.Hujon, Proprietor, Traveler's Wine Store, Haridua, Ri Bhoi District. According to the Appellant she submitted an application under the Right to Information Act to the PIO, Excise Department, Govt. of Meghalaya on 20-9-2006 requesting him to furnish her all the investigation/enquiry reports based on which the demand notice No. NGP/EX/16/92/26 Dated 5-10-1993 was made to her. The PIO duly made available to her the enquiry reports etc. vide letter No. DCRB/EX/17/2005/22,558 dated 19-10-2006. Not satisfied with the information received the appellant made another application on 31-10-2006 seeking information on items serialized from No. 1 to No. 12 of her application. The application was duly received by the PIO on 31-10-2006. However, vide letter No. DCRB/EX/17/2005/31,633 Dated 29-11-2006, the PIO furnished the information only on issues at serial No. 1 & 2 of her application stating that information on serial No. 3 to No. 12 could not be made available then. The PIO did not indicate the reason for non-furnishing of the information on remaining questions asked by her nor did he furnish her the remaining information within the time limit prescribed by law. Being aggrieved by the decision of the PIO to furnish her with only part of the information requested and failure to furnish the remaining part of the questions within the time limit specified by the law, the appellant preferred the instant appeal before the Commission. Apparently the Appellant did not prefer the First Appeal before the DAA of the concerned Public Authority.

Since the remaining items of the information sought for are mostly documentary in nature and may be readily available with the concerned public authorities, let the appeal be preferred before the DAA at the first instant. The Appellant may prefer the Second Appeal before the Commission if necessary.

(G.P.Wahlang)
C.I.C.