

Section 4(1)(b) disclosure under RTI Act, 2005

Name of the Office — Meghalaya State Food Commission Address — Lakeside Cottage, Rita Road, Near Pinewood Hotel, Shillong

Function : Meghalaya State Food Commission has been constituted under Section 16 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 vide Gazette Notification dated 17.05.2016. The State Commission's mandate is to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to it under the Act and Rules.

Meghalaya State Food Commission consists of —

- (a) Chairperson
 - B.K.DevVarma, IAS,(Retd.) (w.e.f. 23.05.2016)
- (b) Member(s) –
 - (1). Smti. L.Kharkongor, I[AS(Retd.)
 - (2). Smt. Sabrella B Marak
 - (3). Shri. Ravi Gurung, Legal,
 - (4). Shri. Manoj Agarwal, Chambers of Commerce

The Commission has a mandate to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) in the State. Three schemes namely — Targeted Public Distribution System, Integrated Child Development Services and Mid Day Meal come within the purview of this Act.

There are mainly three major Function of SFC:

- a. inspect or cause to be inspected, the non-compliance of policy decisions of the Government relating to NFS Act
- b. organise regional camps to build awareness about benefits and entitlements under the Act; and
- c. define measures for redressal of grievances in three implementing departments i.e Food and Civil Supplies, Social Welfare, and Education

The Commission have been empowered to,

- a. monitor and evaluate the implementation of the schemes pursuant to the NFS Act, 2013;
- b. either suo motu or on receipt of complaint inquire into violations of entitlement, hear appeals against orders of the District Grievance Redressal Officer; and

- c. give advice to the State Government, their agencies, autonomous bodies as well as non-governmental organisations involved in delivery of relevant services for the effective implementation of food and nutrition related schemes, to enable individuals to fully access their entitlements specified in this Act.

The Meghalaya State Food Commission Rules 2014 requires the State Government to provide the Chairperson & Members, with such officers like Member Secretary, and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of their functions under the Rules, Salaries and allowances payable to and the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of this Rule shall be such as may be prescribed.

- **Duties of the Member Secretary:** Please see the Meghalaya State Food Commission (Amendment) Rules 2018, Rule 17.

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Employees:

Pending regular appointment of staff sanctioned by the Government, the Commission is functioning with temporary staff i.e Accountant, Data Entry Operator, LDA, Peons, Chowkidar and Cleaner.