A complaint has been submitted by J. Ramdinmawia, Secretary, Joint Committee on Pay Parity Demand, District Research Officer’s Office, Economic & Statistics Department, Aizawl, against the SPIO of the Finance Department, Government of Mizoram, for not giving the information requested for. A complaint case was registered under No. C. 31/08-MSIC.

The short fact of the case is that the complainant requested the SPIO of the Finance Department, Mizoram, to give a copy of the Recommendations of the Expert Sub-Committee headed by Pu Lalbiakthanga, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Mizoram. However, as the required information was not given by the SPIO, the complainant lodged a complaint with the Information Commission to get the required information.

The SPIO & Joint Secretary, Finance Department, Mizoram, was noticed to appear before the Commission on 12.2.2009 to clarify the position. The SPIO appeared in person and was heard on merits. He informed the Commission, in the course of hearing, that when the complainant made an application under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, the information applied for was under the consideration of the Cabinet Sub-Committee which could not be disclosed in terms of clause (i) of Section 8 of the RTI Act and that the Cabinet has done the job on the issue and can now be given.

In view of the foregoing statement made by the learned SPIO, it is hereby directed that certified copy of the information applied for should be given to the complainant within a period of 7 days from the date of receipt of this order. The SPIO is directed to send compliance report of this order to the Commission.

Ordered accordingly.