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MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
MIZORAM: AIZAWL

Dated Aizawl, the 24th November 2022

To

The Executive Secretary,
MADC/LADC/CADC,
Mizoram.

Subject: Designation of Village Council President as Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA) and Secretary as State Public Information Officer (SPIO) under the RTI Act, 2005 – reg.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to bring to your notice that as per Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005, “**public authority**” means any authority or body or institution of self-government established or constituted by notification issued or order made by the appropriate Government and includes any non-Government organization substantially financed, directly or indirectly by funds provided by the appropriate Government.

In this regard, it may be mentioned that as per Rule 2(e) of the Mizoram RTI Rules, 2010: -

*the expression “**substantially financed**” in relation to a body or non-Government organization as occurred in sub-clause (d), (i) & (ii) of clause (h) of Section 2 of the Act shall mean any body or non-Government organization which is financed by the State Government by giving or extending support or grant, by whatever name called inclusive of stipend, scholarship, grant, grant-in-aid, assistance etc., either by means of budget or cash or in kind the value of which is calculable in monetary terms the amount or value, as the case may be, of which is not less than **30%** of the cost of its project, scheme, programme or by whatever name its activities may be called or **rupees one lakh**, whichever is less.*

Therefore, as Village Council is a public authority and comes under the ambit of the RTI Act, 2005, I request you to kindly take necessary action for designating all the Presidents of Village Council as Departmental Appellate Authorities (DAAs) and all Secretaries of Village Council under your autonomous district council as State Public Information Officers (SPIOs) under the RTI Act, 2005. You are also requested to send the names, contact nos. and email addresses of all the VC Presidents and VC Secretaries so designated as DAAs and SPIOs to the undersigned for information and also ensure that they get themselves registered under Mizoram RTI Online at the earliest.

An early action is solicited.

This is issued with the instruction and approval of the Chief Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission on 21.11.2022.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- H. DOLIANBUAIA
Secretary
Mizoram Information Commission
Mizoram: Aizawl