No. S.A. 107/2023 – MIC MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION MIZORAM NEW CAPITAL COMPLEX KHATLA, AIZAWL

Pu A.C. Zonunmawia, : Appellant

B27, Tuikual South, Aizawl, Mizoram, Ph: 9612082472.

Pi Dorothy Muansangi, : Respondent

State Public Information Officer (SPIO)

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District Local Administration Officer, DLAO, Aizawl.

ORDER (22.05.2023)

1. The appellant viz Pu A.C. Zonunmawia submitted RTI application to the SPIO & District Local Administration Officer, DLAO, Aizawl District on 18.12.2022 on the following: -

Photo copies of meeting/sitting minutes of Darlawn Venghlun Village Council from January to April 2022.

- The SPIO furnished reply to the appellant stating, "VC sitting minute hi office ah kan kawl ngai lo" on 18.02.2023.
- 2. The appellant preferred First Appeal dt. 23.01.2023 as the SPIO failed to furnish reply within 30 days. As the DAA did not take action on the matter, the appellant preferred Second Appeal dt. 15.03.2023 to Mizoram Information Commission stating, "VC Sitting minutes hi an call mai tur alawm. Controlling Authority in ni a". Summon was issued to both the appellant and the respondent to appear before the Commission on 06.04.2023 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon and as scheduled, hearing was conducted wherein the Commission directed the SPIO to provide the information, free of cost, to the appellant not later than 28.04.2023 (Friday).
- 3. In this connection, Pi Dorothy Muansangi, the newly appointed SPIO and District Local Administration Officer, Aizawl vide letter No. B.12011/30/06-DLAO(A) dt. 13.04.2023 informed the Commission that Darlawn Venghlun Village Council could not provide the information sought as the matter is sub judice.

- 4. The Commission then vide letter No. S.A. 107/2023-MIC dt. 17.04.2023 instructed the SPIO to furnish all the details of the court case in Darlawn Venghlun Village Council to MIC. The SPIO complied vide letter No. B.12011/30/06-DLAO(A) dt. 21.04.2023. Summon was again issued to both the appellant and the SPIO & DLAO, Aizawl to appear before the Mizoram Information Commission on 22.05.2023 (Monday) at 12:30 P.M. As scheduled, hearing was held wherein both the appellant and the respondent were present.
- 5. In the hearing, the respondent stated that she was informed by the Darlawn Venghlun Village Council that they can now provide the information sought by the appellant.
- 6. In view of the above, the Commission hereby directs that Pi Dorothy Muansangi, SPIO & District Local Administration Office (DLAO), Aizawl shall provide the information, free of cost, to the appellant by calling the same from the subordinate office i.e., Darlawn Venghlun Village Council not later than 29.05.2023 (Monday) with a copy to Mizoram Information Commission.

The matter is hereby disposed of accordingly. Copy of the decision to be given free of cost to both the parties.

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Chief Information Commissioner Mizoram Information Commission