



MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
MINECO, KHATLA,
MIZORAM: AIZAWL

No. S.A. 169/2024 – MIC

Dated Aizawl, the 9th October 2024

*Gabriel Zochhawna,
College Veng, Lawngtlai*

...Appellant

Vs

*Lalnunzawmpuia,
State Public Information Officer
&*

...Respondent

*Deputy Education Officer (Primary Section),
Lai Autonomous District Council Board of School Education*

Relevant facts emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on : 08.07.2024
SPIO replied on : NIL
First Appeal filed on : 09.08.2024
DAA order/reply made on : NIL
Second Appeal received on : 13.09.2024

ORDER

1. The appellant submitted RTI application seeking information on the following: -
 - i. LADCBSE hnuaia affiliated/recognised private school zawng zawngte hming leh address bakah, affiliation/recognition pek an nih ni (date) ziak telin a list kimchang kalo dil e.
 - ii. LADCBSE hnuaia affiliated/recognised private school a thawk mek zirtirtute hming leh address, an thawh mekna school hming ziak telin, a list kimchang kalo dil e.
 - iii. LADCBSE hnuaia affiliated/recognised school zingah, sorkar school puitling a hlan kâi theih mai tur school engzatnge awm? Chung school te hming leh address bakah, chung school a thawk mek zirtirtute hming, address leh Educational qualification kimchang kalo dil e.
 - iv. LADCBSE hnuaiah private school engzatnge recognition pek tawh a nih?

2. The State Public Information Officer (SPIO) did not furnish any reply nor did the Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA) take any action after First Appeal was preferred.
3. The appellant preferred Second Appeal to MIC and summons were issued to both the parties to appear before the CIC and IC on 09.10.2024 at 12:00 Noon. Hearing was held as scheduled – the respondent appeared in person and the appellant was represented by Pu Isaak C. Hmingthanmawia, Lower Kanan, Aizawl.
4. The SPIO informed the Commission that he was unaware of his role until the appeal was filed. In addition, he stated that the information has been compiled and is ready to be provided to the appellant.

OBSERVATIONS: -

1. Pu Lalnunzawmpuia could not have known about the pending RTI application dt. 08.07.2024 because he only joined the portal on 27.07.2024. However, he is advised to be mindful of his duties as SPIO both on the RTI Online portal and offline.
2. The essential role of the Departmental Appellate Authority (DAA) is to uphold transparency and fairness as per the RTI Act. In this instance, the lack of response from the DAA was unacceptable and went against the principles of the RTI Act. It was necessary to hold a hearing to guarantee a just and well-informed decision. Pu T. Hmangaih Johana, DAA & LADC Education Board Secretary, is urged to carry out his responsibilities appropriately in the future.

DECISION: -


In view of the above, this Commission hereby directs that **Pu Lalnunzawmpuia, SPIO & Deputy Education Officer (Primary Section), LADC Board of School Education shall provide the information to the appellant, free of cost, not later than 18.10.2024 (Friday)** with a copy to Mizoram Information Commission.

The matter is hereby disposed of accordingly

Copies of the decision to be given free of cost to all the parties.



(MANGJANGAM TOUTHANG)
Information Commissioner



(JOHN NEIHLAIA)
Chief Information Commissioner