



MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION  
MINECO, KHATLA,  
MIZORAM: AIZAWL

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No. S.A. 168/2024 – MIC

Dated Aizawl, the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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*Lalremsangi Fanai,  
Falkawn, Aizawl*

*...Appellant*

Vs

*Zothansanga Ralte,  
State Public Information Officer*

*...Respondent*

&

*Additional Secretary,  
Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat*

**Relevant facts emerging from appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 24.06.2024  
SPIO replied on : 23.07.2024  
First Appeal filed on : 01.08.2024  
DAA order/reply made on : NIL  
Second Appeal received on : 11.09.2024

**ORDER**

1. The appellant submitted RTI application seeking information on the following: -

*“Mizoram Assembly Session hnuhnung ber (2024) a MLA tin te Sitting Allowance lak zat theuh leh kha session kaihhnawih thila TA/DA leh hamthatna dang eng pawh an lak zat theuh min hrilh turin ka ngen che a. An la ngei a ni tih fianfiahna tur Receipt/bank deposit slip etc pakhat tal copy min pe tel turin ka ngen bawk a che.”*

2. The State Public Information Officer (SPIO) replied as follows:

*“Section 3 & 9 of the Mizoram Salaries, Allowances & Pension Member of the Legislative Assembly Act, 1999 (as amended uptodate) in a phalsak angin Assembly Session hnuhnung berah khan MLA 23-te hnenah Daily Allowance atan Rs. 24,000/- theuh, Bill No. 150101VN134277 of 17.5.2024 hmangin Committee Sitting Allowance nen bill pakhatah pek an ni a. Session kaihhnawihah Daily Allowance bak MLA-te hnenah hian hamthatna dang pek a ni lo.*

*He bill-ah hian Assembly Session Daily Allowance bakah I zawhna a tel ve lo leh Assembly Session kaihhnawih ni lo Committee Sitting Allowance siam tel a nih avangin a finfiahna tur bill copy erawh chu rawn thiltel a remchang lo a ni."*

3. The appellant, not satisfied with the reply received from the SPIO preferred First Appeal as follows: -

*"MLA 40 kan nei mek a, an vaia sitting allowance ka dil laia MLA 23 chauh min pe hi tih sual palh niin alang a. Chuvangin MLA 40 te allowance min pe turin ka ngen a che.*

*Committitte sitting allowance hi kan hriat duh a ni lo a, assembly session sitting allowance nen bill khatah siam ni mah se MLA 40 te session sitting allowance an lak zat hriat kan duh a, min pe turin ka ngen nawn leh e."*

4. As the DAA did not take any action on the First Appeal, the appellant preferred Second Appeal to MIC. Summons were issued to both the parties to appear before the CIC and IC on 09.10.2024 at 01:00 PM. As scheduled, hearing was held wherein the appellant appeared in person and the respondent was represented by Pu Lalrinawma Sailo, Deputy Secretary.
5. The SPIO apologized on behalf of the DAA and stated that the reason for the non-response to the First Appeal was that they had neglected to check their phone or email. Along with the question posed in the First and Second Appeals, the SPIO brought printed copies of the responses to the initial RTI application. Since the payment information or confirmation of receipt by the MLAs are not available, the appellant was not satisfied with the replies.
6. The appellant made a request to the Commission in helping her get the required information.

#### **OBSERVATIONS: -**

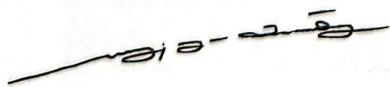
1. Rather than giving vague answers, the SPIO should have provided information in accordance with the questions submitted in the RTI application.
2. Upon receipt of First Appeal, the DAA should have summoned all the parties involved in order to solve the problem and pass an order on the decision arrived at. Here, the DAA failed to respond to the First Appeal and did not take any action. This is against the spirit of the RTI Act. Pi Vanlalthantlingi, DAA/Commissioner & Secretary should have actively discharged her role/duty as envisaged by the RTI Act, 2005.

**DECISION: -**

In view of the above, this Commission hereby directs the appellant Pi Lalremsangi Fanai to submit a fresh RTI application via RTI Online including details of committee sittings, allowances and copies of the bills, etc.

Pu Zothansanga Ralte, SPIO & Additional Secretary, Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat is also directed to provide a reply promptly without waiting for 30 days upon receipt of the appellant's RTI application 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