

Case No: C. 166/2025-MIC

Rupesh Kumar Jha,
Bihar

...Complainant

Vs

T. Lalfamkima,
State Public Information Officer
&
Deputy Director (Admn),
Zoram Medical College

... Respondent

RTI application filed on	:	23.12.2024
SPIO replied on	:	NIL
First appeal filed on	:	NIL
Appellate Authority order	:	NIL
Complaint received on	:	06.01.2025
Date of Hearing	:	21.01.2025 at 03:00 PM
Date of Decision	:	21.01.2025

The Chief Information Commissioner Pu John Neihlaia and the Information Commissioner Pu Mangjangam Touthang presided over the hearing.

Information sought

- i. Provide a copy of the order passed by the anti-ragging committee in connection to case number MZ_0006 reported by UGC on 27 Oct 2024. (order is required to be passed within 7 days.)*

- ii. As per clause 21.4 of NMC anti-ragging regulation, which states, "In all instances, without exception, the name of the complainant, especially students, unless otherwise permissible, shall be kept confidential." Provide information on the name of the committee member responsible for taking the decision of insisting on looking for the name of the complainant.*

- iii. *During the course of the investigation for case number MZ_0006, provide the total number of students whose statements were taken.*
- iv. *Use section 10 of the RTI Act and remove the personal details of students and provide copies of the statement taken for case number MZ_0006.*
- v. *Provide a copy of the inquiry report for the inquiry conducted under section 23 of the NMC anti-ragging act.*

Grounds for Complaint

The SPIO did not furnish any reply nor rejected the request within the stipulated time.

Relevant facts emerging during the hearing

The respondent SPIO appeared in person while the complainant appeared via Video Conferencing.

Complainant's statement:

The complainant filed the RTI application under the life and liberty clause of the RTI Act wherein he has expected to be given information within 48 hours upon receipt of the application.

Respondent's statement:

The respondent SPIO stated that reply to the information sought was furnished to the Complainant, free of cost, on 13.01.2025 via Mizoram RTI Online portal and his e-mail respectively.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. As per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, the SPIO shall, as expeditiously as possible, within 30 (thirty days) of the receipt of the request, provide the information. Provided that where the information sought for concerns the life or liberty of a person, the same shall be provided within forty eight

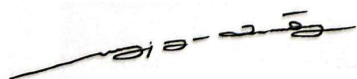
hours of the receipt of the request. The respondent SPIO is instructed to strictly adhere to the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 in future.

2. The complainant mentioned in the hearing that he is not allowed to file First Appeal in the Mizoram RTI Online Portal. He should keep in mind that the portal has been developed in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Section 19(1) provides that any person who does not receive a decision within the time specified in sub-section (1) of Section 7 may within thirty days from the expiry of such period prefer an appeal to the First Appellate Authority.
3. Since the complaint is already taken up for hearing by the MIC, the request of the complainant to convert his complaint into second appeal need not be taken into consideration.

DECISION:

In view of the above, **the Commission hereby directs that Pu T. Lalfamkima, SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn), Zoram Medical College shall send a copy of the reply dt. 13.01.2025 furnished to the complainant** via whatsapp on his mobile no. 9835278107 today itself ie 21.01.2025 (Tuesday) and submit compliance report to this Commission not later than 24.01.2025 (Friday).

The appeal is disposed of accordingly. Copy of decision to be given, free of cost, to all parties.



(MANGJANGAM TOUTHANG)
Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission



(JOHN NEIHLAIA)
Chief Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission