

MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
MINECO, KHATLA,
MIZORAM: AIZAWL

No. S.A. 223/2025-MIC

Dated Aizawl, the 9th July 2025

To

1. Lalremsangi Fanai,
Falkawn, PO-
Kulikawn, Aizawl
District, Mizoram,
Ph: 9436199815.
2. Lalsangpuia,
former SPIO & Dy. Director (Admn.),
Local Administration Department,
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3. B. Lalhlimpuii,
SPIO & Dy. Director (Admn.),
Local Administration Department,
Ph: 9862813135.

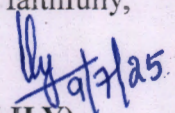
Subject: Sending of the decision of Mizoram Information Commission on Second Appeal.

With reference to the above, I am directed send herewith a copy of the decision of Mizoram Information Commission on Second Appeal No. S.A. 223/2025-MIC for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

2. Receipt of the same may kindly be acknowledged.

Enclosed: As above

Yours faithfully,


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Deputy Secretary
Mizoram Information Commission
Mizoram: Aizawl



MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
(Under the RTI Act, 2005)
MINECO, KHATLA,
MIZORAM: AIZAWL

Case No: S.A. 223/2025-MIC

Lalremsangi Fanai,
Falkawn, Aizawl

...Appellant

Vs

1. Lalsangpuia,
former SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn.),
Local Administration Department.

...Respondents

2. B. Lalhlimpuii,
SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn.),
Local Administration Department.

RTI application filed on	:	15.12.2024
SPIO replied on	:	13.01.2025
First appeal filed on	:	14.01.2025
DAA order / reply on	:	NIL
Second Appeal dated	:	21.06.2025
Date of Hearing	:	09.07.2025 at 01:00 PM
Date of Decision	:	09.07.2025

1. The appellant sought information via RTI Online as follows: -

- i) 2021,2022,2023,2024 ah RGSA Scheme hnuai ah Panchayat Bhavan sakna engzahnge kan hmuh?.Panchayat Bhavan engzahnge sak a nih?
- ii) Panchayat Bhavan sakna dawng tur khua te hi engtiang a thlan nge an nih?

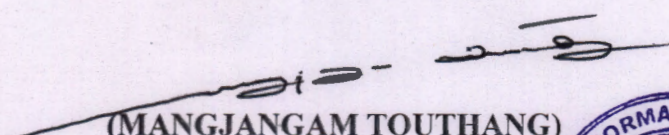
2. The former SPIO in his reply provided information for only point No. i) of the RTI application which compelled the appellant to prefer First Appeal. As the DAA did not take action on the matter, Second Appeal has been preferred to MIC.
3. Summons were issued to the appellant and respondent(s) to appear before the Commission on 09.07.2025 (Wednesday) at 01:00 Noon. However, interim reply dated 26.06.2025 was sent to the appellant by the SPIO. As scheduled, hearing was held wherein the appellant, the present SPIO & former SPIO, Local Administration Department all appeared in person.
4. In the hearing, the appellant informed that she wants to know the criteria/guidelines based by the office for selection for construction of Panchayat Bhavan under RGSA scheme and requested the Commission to help her get the required information.

5. Both the former and present SPIO said that there are no specific guidelines etc. in writing that is laid down by the office. All the applications are received by the directorate office and dealt with by Village Council (VC) section.
6. After hearing both the parties, the Commission observed the following:
- As per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the former SPIO sent a reply to the appellant for point No. (i) while leaving out point No. (ii) without mentioning any reason as to why he did not reply to point No. (ii). Pu Lalsangpuia should have adequate knowledge of record management prevailing with the office and should be more careful in future while dealing with RTI cases as giving incorrect, **incomplete** or misleading information can invite penalty on the SPIO as per Section 20 of the Act.
 - The present SPIO informed that since the subject matter pertains to Village Council (VC) section, she is not aware of the ground on which selection was done as the section is not under her control. Pi B. Lalhlimpuii is hereby informed that as an SPIO, she is bound to collect all the available information in the office and furnish the same to the appellant as per the provisions under the RTI Act.
 - Being vested with quasi-judicial powers, the DAA should conduct hearing for every First Appeal received and inform the appellant of the date and time of hearing at least 7 (seven) clear days before that date as per Rule 5(a) of the Mizoram RTI Rules, 2010 instead of remaining silent on the matter. Order of the DAA shall be pronounced in open court and be in writing duly authenticated by the DAA for this purpose. Pu Chuahhnuna, DAA & Director, Local Administration Department should keep this in mind so that such lapses do not occur in future.

DECISION:

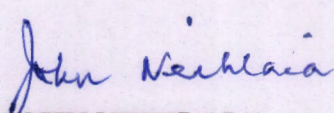
In view of the above, the Commission hereby directs that **Pi B. Lalhlimpuii, SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn), Local Administration Department shall provide the information on point No. (ii) of the RTI application explaining the factual position in writing, free of cost, to the appellant not later than 18.07.2025 (Friday) and submit compliance report with all the enclosures to the Mizoram Information Commission.**

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