

MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
MINECO, KHATLA,
MIZORAM: AIZAWL

No. S.A. 224/2025-MIC

Dated Aizawl, the 9th July 2025

To

1. Lalruatpuia,
Bawngkawn, Aizawl,
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2. Prof. Benjamin Lalrinsanga,
SPIO & Joint Director,
Higher & Technical Education (Dte),
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3. Laltanpuia,
DAA & Director,
Higher & Technical Education
(Dte), Ph: 9436152176.

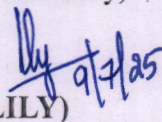
Subject: Sending of the decision of Mizoram Information Commission on Second Appeal.

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. 224/2025-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. 224/2025-MIC

***Lalruatpuia,
Bawngkawn, Aizawl***

...Appellant

Vs

***1. Prof. Benjamin Lalrinsanga,
SPIO & Joint Director,
Higher & Technical Education Department.***

...Respondents

***2. Laltanpuia,
DAA & Director,
Higher & Technical Education Department.***

RTI application filed on	:	07.02.2025
SPIO replied on	:	05.03.2025
First appeal filed on	:	08.03.2025
DAA order / reply on	:	NIL
Second Appeal dated	:	25.06.2025
Date of Hearing	:	09.07.2025 at 02:00 PM
Date of Decision	:	09.07.2025

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

"Mizoram chhunga College zawng zawnga admission atanga College in Students Aid Fund Rs.50 a lak thin hi a hmanna kum 5 chhung ami min pe turin ka dil che a ni."

2. The SPIO gave reply as follows: -.

"Mizoram chhunga College zawng zawnga admission atanga College in Students Aid Fund Rs.50 a lak thin hi a hmanna kum 5 chhung ami chu a hnuaia tarlan ang hi a ni:

- 1. Admission fee for poor students.*
- 2. Relief paid to poor students.*
- 3. Financial support for hospitalised students.*
- 4. Financial support paid to students representing the institute in events.*
- 5. Payment of university examination fee for poor students.*

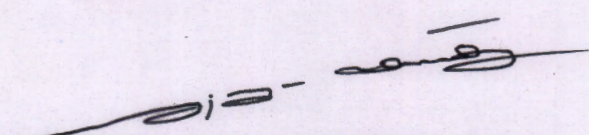
6. Relief to students suffering from serious illness.
 7. Relief to students suffering from natural calamities.
 8. Renovation of Student's common room & union room.
 9. Construction of waiting shed for students.
 10. Payment for Miscellaneous First Aid to students.
 11. Condonation for students if any."
3. The appellant then preferred First Appeal stating, "*H&TE hnuaia College mal te te in an sum hmanna leh an hmanna hming chipchiarin ka rawn dil leh duh e. Mihring an tanpui anih chuan an tanpuite hming leh veng, an phone number tarlang tel zel thei se. An sum hmanchhuah dan leh hmanchhuah list felfai takin min pe thei bawk se.*" The DAA remained silent on the matter and Second Appeal has been preferred to MIC.
 4. Summons were issued to the appellant and respondent(s) to appear before the Commission on 09.07.2025 (Wednesday) at 02:00 Noon. As scheduled, hearing was held wherein the appellant, the SPIO & DAA, Higher Technical Education Department all appeared in person.
 5. In the hearing, the appellant informed that since the reply furnished to him is not to the point, he submitted additional query to the DAA who did not take any action on the matter. He requested the Commission in helping him get the required information.
 6. The DAA informed that since the SPIO replied to the RTI application within the stipulated period of 30 days, they had no idea that the information provided was found unsatisfactory by the appellant. It was only after the appellant approached the Commission that they came to know about his dissatisfaction. Further, he mentioned that the DAA to whom First Appeal was preferred had already retired and he had been designated as DAA only recently and is unaware of the First Appeal submitted. He also said that the SPIO viz Dr. Lalthansangi had also retired from service recently and Prof. Benjamin Lalrinsanga is designated as the new SPIO.
 7. After hearing both the parties, the Commission observed the following:
 - i. As per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the former SPIO sent a reply to the appellant within the stipulated period of 30 days. However, she should have gone through the queries more thoroughly and replied in detail rather than giving vague information as the basic object of the RTI is to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the government.

- ii. 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. Pu Laltanpuia, DAA & Director, Higher & Technical Education Department should keep this in mind so that such lapses do not occur in future.

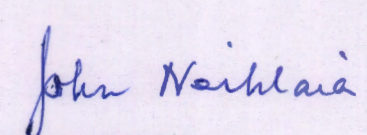
DECISION:

In view of the above, the Commission hereby directs that Prof. Benjamin Lalrinsanga, SPIO & Joint Director, Higher & Technical Education Department, Lunglei shall provide the information sought, free of cost, to the appellant not later than 25.07.2025 (Friday) and submit compliance report to MIC with all the enclosures.

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

