

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

Case No. S.A. 231/2025-MIC

Dated Aizawl, the 20th August 2025

***Lalhruaitluanga Bawitlung,
Chhinga Veng, Aizawl***

...Appellant

Vs

***1. Patrick P. C. Malsawmtluanga,
SPIO & Executive Engineer,
Power & Electricity, E-in-C.***

...Respondents

***2. J.H. Malsawma,
DAA & Engineer-in-Chief,
Power & Electricity, E-in-C.***

RTI application filed on	: 07.07.2025
SPIO replied on	: 14.07.2025
First appeal filed on	: 14.07.2025
DAA order / reply on	: 05.08.2025
Second Appeal dated	: 07.08.2025
Date of Hearing	: 20.08.2025 at 02:00 PM
Date of Decision	: 20.08.2025

The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner presided over the hearing.

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

“Mizoram Power tariff rate per unit (overall average) hi kum 2025 atan hian engzah nge min hrilh rawh.”

2. The SPIO furnished a reply as follows: -

“Unsubsidized tariff rate (full cost tariff): Rs. 10.97

Subsidized tariff Rate: Rs. 7.82”

3. Feeling that the SPIO's reply is incorrect based on the information that was provided to him in the past, the appellant preferred First Appeal as follows: -

"Heta min chhanna hi May 1, 2023 ka RTI zawhna min chhanna nen zirchian hian thil dik lo a awm niin ka hria a, chiang zawkin thudik tak min hrilh turin 1st Appeal ka rawn apply e."

4. The DAA gave a reply for the First Appeal as follows as follows:-

"I zawhna kan chhanna, kum 2025 atana Mizoram Power Tariff Rate per Unit (Overall Average) i.e., unsubsidized Tariff Rate Rs. 10.97 leh subsidized rate Rs. 7.82 hi FY 2025-26 atana MZERC in min approved sak a ni. Nangmah nen a verbal conversation neih atanga subsidized rate Rs. 8.00 I rawn sawi kha chu FY 2024-2025 a subsidized Tariff Rate (Overall Average) zawk a ni e.

2008 atanga Tariff rate per unit (Overall average) chu a hnuaia tarlan ang a ni e.

Sl.No.	Year	Tariff rate per unit (Overall Average)
1	2008-2009	2.90
2	2009-2010	2.90
3	2010-2011	3.30
4	2011-2012	3.30
5	2012-2013	3.50
6	2013-2014	3.50
7	2014-2015	3.90
8	2015-2016	3.98
9	2016-2017	4.14
10	2017-2018	4.61
11	2018-2019	4.67
12	2019-2020	4.96
13	2020-2021	6.28
14	2021-2022	6.71
15	2022-2023	7.79
16	2023-2024	7.94
17	2024-2025	8.00
18	2025-2026	7.82

5. Not satisfied with the information received, Second Appeal was preferred. Summons were issued to the appellant and respondent(s) to appear before the Commission on 20.08.2025 (Wednesday) at 02:00 PM. As scheduled, hearing was held where the appellant and respondents all appeared in person.
6. The appellant stated that revised power tariff rates increase steadily year after year but the information received showed a doubtful decrease in the rate for the financial year 2025 – 2026. He requested for information on the reason for this decline in the rate for public interest.
7. The DAA informed the Commission that as the appellant's RTI application was unclear, they had given him a reply as per their understanding.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. For every First Appeal received, the DAA, being vested with quasi-judicial powers, should hear both the parties *viz* appellant and respondent. The DAA shall, in every case inform the date of hearing at least seven (7) clear days before the date fixed as per Rule 7(5)(a) of the Mizoram RTI Rules, 2010. Order of the DAA shall be pronounced in open court and be in writing duly authenticated by the DAA for this purpose. Pu J.H. Malsawma, DAA & Engineer-in-Chief, Power & Electricity, E-in-C is informed to strictly adhere to the relevant positions of the RTI Act/Rules for every First Appeal received by him in future.
2. The appellant should take care to request for information which are available with the Public Authority and in a manner easy to understand.
3. Both parties are given sufficient time to express and explain their views and positions.

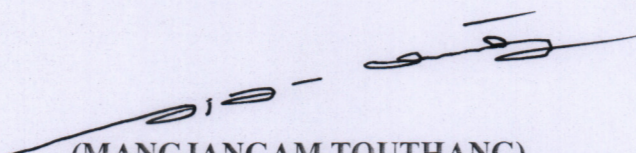
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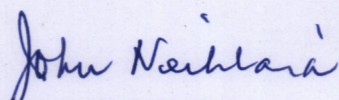
DECISION:

In view of the above, the Commission hereby directs that Pu Patrick P.C. Malsawmtluanga, SPIO & Executive Engineer, P&E, E-in-C shall provide the following to the appellant, free of cost, not later than 30.09.2025 (Tuesday) for the financial years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 (up to 31st July 2025) with compliance report to MIC with all the enclosures: -

- i) Details of tariff rate schedule
- ii) Details of revenue collected (slab-wise) by the department: -
 - a) For those offices where the records are digitized (computerized) along with the list of the names of sub-divisions and districts where such records are maintained manually on paper/registers.
- iii) Details of subsidies given to different categories of power connection.

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

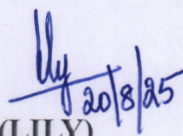

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Mizoram Information Commission



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