



MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Under the RTI Act, 2005)

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Case No. S.A. 264/2025-MIC

V.L. Chawimawia,
Armed Veng

...Appellant

Vs

1. Laltlanzovi Sailo,
SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn),
Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement Department

...Respondents

2. R. Lalthazuala,
DAA & Director,
Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement Department

RTI application filed on	: 30.07.2025
SPIO replied on	: NIL
First appeal filed on	: 04.09.2025
DAA order / replied on	: NIL
Second Appeal dated	: 14.10.2025
Date of Hearing	: 30.10.2025 at 03:00 PM
Date of Decision	: 30.10.2025

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

FACTS OF THE CASE:

1. The appellant sought information from the respondent SPIO as follows: -

“Kum 2018-a Stamp & Registration Dept-a thawk tur DEO (MR) pariat (8) lakna Advertisement Copy ka dil a, heng DEO (PE) pariat an lak te hi sanctioned post against-a lak an ni ngei em?”

2. The SPIO did not give any reply and the DAA also remained silent on the matter. Second Appeal was preferred and summons was issued to the appellant and respondents to appear before the Commission on 29.10.2025 (Wednesday) which was rescheduled on 30.10.2025 (Thursday) at 03:00 PM.
3. Hearing was held where both the respondents appeared in person and the appellant absented himself with prior intimation to this Commission.
4. The SPIO apologized to the Commission for her failure to supply the information due to other preoccupations and informed that copy of the advertisement is available and all the 8 (eight) DEO (PE) employees were recruited against the sanctioned posts created by the Government. She also informed that the information can be furnished without any delay.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Section 7(1) of the RTI Act provides that, “*...the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, on receipt of a request under section 6 shall, as expeditiously as possible, and in any case within thirty days of the receipt of the request, either provide the information on payment of such fee as may be prescribed or reject the request...*”. Further, Section 7(2) provides that, “*If the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, fails to give decision on the request for information within the period specified under sub-section (1), the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall be deemed to have refused the request*”. This is not the first instance that Pi Laltlanzovi Sailo, SPIO & Deputy Director failed to provide any response to RTI cases received by their office. This is a serious violation of the provisions of the RTI Act as non-response is considered “deemed refusal” of the request and would amount to denial of information which can be dealt with as per Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. It has also been observed that Pu R. Lalthazuala, DAA & Director, though instructed by this Commission on earlier occasions to exercise his quasi-judicial powers, fails to conduct hearing for the First Appeal cases received by him. He is once again directed that he shall conduct hearing and, 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 and

strictly adhere to the relevant positions of the RTI Act/Rules for every First Appeal received by him in future.

3. The denial of information under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 goes against the very spirit and objective of the legislation, which is to promote transparency, accountability, and participatory governance. The Act was enacted to empower citizens to access information held by public authorities, thereby reducing corruption and enhancing trust in government institutions. When information is unjustly withheld or delayed, it undermines citizens' right to know, creates barriers to democratic participation, and weakens mechanisms of public accountability. Such denials defeat the fundamental purpose of the RTI Act, which seeks to make government functioning open, responsible, and answerable to the people.

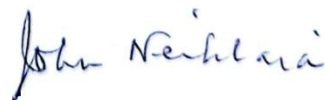
DECISION:

In view of the above, the Commission hereby directs that **Pi Laltlanzovi Sailo, SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn), Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement shall provide the information sought to the appellant, free of cost, not later than 31.10.2025 (Friday) with compliance report to this Commission along with all the enclosures.**

The matter is hereby disposed of. Copy of this 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

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Secretary

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