



MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Under the RTI Act, 2005)

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Case No. S.A. 263/2025-MIC

Dated Aizawl, the 18th November 2025

**Vanramliana,
Zemabawk**

...Appellant

Vs

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

...Respondents

Date of Hearing : 18.11.2025 at 01:00 PM

Date of Decision : 18.11.2025

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

1. In continuation of this Commission's order of even no. dated 30.10.2025 wherein it was decided that *Pi Laltlanzovi Sailo, SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn), Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement shall conduct a thorough search of the missing file and if the file cannot be located, she will initiate reconstruction of the file and submit action taken report to this Commission not later than 14.11.2025 (Friday)*. In this regard, a second round of hearing was held on 18.11.2025 at 01:00 PM. Both the appellant and the respondent SPIO were present.
2. In the hearing, action taken report on the Commission's decision was discussed and mentioned that a search team of officers was constituted for the purpose comprising of Pu Vanlaltana Rokhum, Superintendent (E) and Pu H. Lalawmpuia, Superintendent (L). The search team submitted their report to the Joint Director (Admn), Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement on 14.11.2025 as follows: -
 1. *The file was put up to the Deputy Director on 14th February, 2024.*
 2. *The Deputy Director put up the file to the Joint Director (A) on 16th February, 2024.*
 3. *The file reached the Director's chamber on 16th February, 2024.*

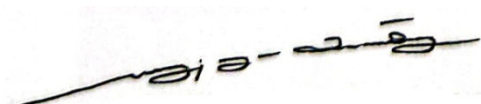
4. *From the Director's chamber, the file movement was traced to the Joint Director (A)'s chamber on 19th February, 2024, and thereafter to the Deputy Director's office chamber on the same day.*
 5. *The file reached the office chamber of the Superintendent (L) on 19th February, 2024 and was endorsed to the Asst. Director of Survey(T) on 19th February, 2024.*
 6. *From the office chamber of ADS(T), it was endorsed to Pu Hmangaihzuala, Surveyor, on 5th March, 2024. This is the last known location of the file, and it has not been traceable since then.*
3. The Commission was informed that a fresh joint spot verification was to be conducted for the purpose of reconstruction of the file with a view to settle the dispute between and Pu K. Lalrozama over the land. Taking this into consideration, the Commission has fixed the date for conducting the joint spot verification not later than 05.12.2025 (Friday). As per rules, notice of the same shall also be served to the concerned parties by the office.
4. As per Section 25(5) of the RTI Act, *"If it appears to the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, that the practice of a public authority in relation to the exercise of its function under this Act does not conform with the provisions or spirit of this Act, it may give to the authority a recommendation specifying the steps which ought in its opinion to be taken for promoting such conformity"*. Also, Section 7 of the Mizoram Public Records Act, 2011 (as amended in 2024) provides that: -
- (1) *The records officer shall, in the event of any unauthorized removal, destruction, defacement or alteration of any public records under his charge, forthwith take appropriate action for the recovery or restoration of such public records.*
 - (2) *The records officer shall submit a report in writing to the Head of Archives without any delay on any information about any unauthorized removal, destruction, defacement or alteration of any public records under his charge and about the action initiated by him and shall take action as he may deem necessary subject to the directions, if any given by the Head of Archives.*
 - (3) *The records officer may seek assistance from any Government officer or any other person for the purpose of recovery or restoration of public records and such officer or person shall render all assistance to the records officer.*

Further, Sub-section (1) of Section 5 as amended in 2024 provides that, “Every record creating agency shall nominate one of its officers as records officer to discharge the functions under this Act, otherwise, the Administrative Head, Head of Department or Head of the office shall be deemed to be the records officer”.

RECOMMENDATION:

Therefore, as required under the abovementioned Acts, the Commission emphasizes that a missing file/record is not a valid excuse for denying information and that public authorities have a duty to protect records and initiate action when records are lost. **In order that the actions of the Public Authority conform to the provisions of the RTI Act, a proper inquiry on the matter be conducted by the competent authority of the Land Revenue & Settlement Department to fix responsibility and take appropriate and necessary disciplinary actions on the concerned official and submit action taken report to the Commission not later than 28.02.2026.**

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(MANGJANGAM TOUTHANG)

Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission



(JOHN NEIHLAIA)

Chief Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission

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(LIEY)

Secretary

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