

Case No. S.A. 271/2025-MIC*B. Lallawmkimi,
Khatla, Aizawl.**...Appellant*

Vs

*1. F. Zirliana,
SPIO & Assistant Survey Officer,
Land Revenue & Settlement Department, Aizawl North.**...Respondents**2. R. Lalthazuala,
DAA & Director,
Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement Department*

RTI application filed on	:	09.05.2025
SPIO replied on	:	13.06.2025
First Appeal filed on	:	24.07.2025
DAA issued order/replied on	:	NIL
Second Appeal received on	:	10.10.2025

Date & Time of hearing	:	04.11.2025 at 01:00 PM.
Date of decision	:	04.11.2025

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

FACTS OF THE CASE:

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

- 1) Verification report of Assistant Survey Officer on 9.7.2020 at Hawngtial (House site plan) in respect of Lalremruata & 3 others.*
- 2) Govt letter No.C.18016/37/2019-REV dt.24.08.2021*
- 3) H/P No.878/2005 in the name of Pathuama s/o Thangvunga, Edentharr cancel na order.*
- 4) LSC No.1657 of 2007 in the name of Lalhriatchhungi, Laipuitlang cancel na order.*

5) H/P No.878/2005 in the name of Pathuama s/o Thangvunga, Edenthar atanga LSC No.1657 of 2007 in the name of Lalhriatchhungi, Laipuitlang lo pianchhuah dan documents awm zawng zawng.

2. The SPIO gave a reply to the appellant's application stating, *"Ka Pi, RTI hmanga information i dil point panga te hi tun dinhmunah chuan pek chhuah tur che kan nei lova, pawl kan ti khawp mai"*.
3. Not satisfied with the reply received, the appellant preferred First Appeal but the DAA did not take any action on the matter. Second Appeal was then preferred and summons were issued to the appellant and respondents to appear before the Commission on 04.11.2025 (Tuesday) at 01:00 PM. As scheduled, hearing was held where the appellant, accompanied by her cousin/brother Pu B. Vanlalnunkima and both the respondents appeared in person.
4. The appellant stated that since she did not get the required information from both the respondent SPIO and DAA, she requested the Commission in helping her to get the information sought.
5. The DAA apologized for not conducting hearing and assured the Commission that such lapse will not occur in future. On behalf of the SPIO, he also apologized for not replying to the RTI application within the stipulated period of 30 days. He also mentioned that the required information may be available with the office of the Settlement Officer, Aizawl District (now Aizawl South) as Land Revenue & Settlement Department, Aizawl North started functioning only in January 2025.

OBSERVATION:

1. In the matter of the SPIO's reply to the appellant, **Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 provides that where an application is made to a public authority requesting for any information which is held by another public authority or the subject matter of which is more closely connected with the functions of another public authority, the public authority to which such application is made, shall transfer the application to the other public authority and inform the applicant immediately about such transfer.** Instead of informing the appellant that the information sought is not available with them, the SPIO should have transferred the application to the concerned public authority. The SPIO is cautioned in this regard and such an incident should not be repeated in future.
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

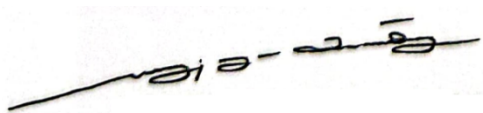
seven (7) clear days before the date fixed as per Rule 7(5)(a) of the Mizoram RTI Rules, 2010. Order of the DAA shall be pronounced in open court and be in writing duly authenticated by the DAA for this purpose and strictly adhere to the relevant positions of the RTI Act/Rules for every First Appeal received by him in future.

3. Public authorities should give due importance to every Right to Information (RTI) application as it reflects and promotes the principles of transparency and accountability in governance. Each request represents a citizen's legitimate effort to seek information concerning public affairs, and therefore must be handled with seriousness, fairness, and within the prescribed time frame. Authorities should ensure that RTI applications are properly recorded, acknowledged, and forwarded to the concerned officers without delay. Proper attention to RTI matters not only upholds the integrity of the institution but also strengthens public trust and participation in the democratic process.

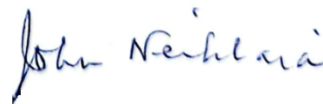
DECISION:

In view of the above, the Commission hereby directs that **Pu F. Zirliana, SPIO & Assistant Survey Officer, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, Aizawl North** shall provide the information requested to the appellant, free of cost, not later than **19.11.2025 (Wednesday)** with compliance report to this Commission along 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

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Dated Aizawl, the 4th November, 2025

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