

MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Under the RTI Act, 2005)

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No. S.A. 280/2025-MIC

Dated Aizawl, the 20th January 2026**ORDER**

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the Commission that Pi Laltlanzovi Sailo, State Public Information Officer (SPIO) & Deputy Director (Admn), Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement, has repeatedly violated the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The RTI Act stipulates that request for information shall be deemed to have been refused by the SPIO if decision on the request for information is not given within the period specified which can invite penalty on the SPIO.

Specifically, the SPIO has persistently failed to:

- respond within the prescribed time to RTI applications and has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of Section 7.
- transfer RTI applications promptly to the concerned public authorities as per Section 6(3); this amounts to obstruction in furnishing the information under the RTI Act.

A show cause notice was issued to her to explain these lapses as the SPIO failed to perform her duties as an SPIO in the recent past in the following cases: -

- i. No. S.A. 204/2025-MIC (vs K. Lalhunmawia, Hnahthial) regarding not transferring of the RTI application to the concerned public authority.
- ii. No. S.A. 206/2025 (vs Lalhrualtuanga Bawitlung, Chhing Veng) regarding not providing clear/detailed reasons why there was no information to be given.
- iii. No. S.A. 263/2025-MIC (vs Vanramliana, Zemabawk) regarding not responding to the RTI application.
- iv. No. S.A. 264/2025-MIC (vs V.L. Chawimawia, Armed Veng) regarding not responding to the RTI application.
- v. No. S.A. 280/2025-MIC (vs Rustom Chakma, CADC) regarding not transferring of the RTI application to the concerned public authority.

Pi Laltlanzovi Sailo, the SPIO submitted her written reply to the show cause notice vide letter dated 27.11.2025.

Upon examination of her response, the Commission has found the explanation unsatisfactory and cannot accept it as a valid justification for non-compliance and summons was issued to the SPIO to appear before the Commission on 16.01.2026 at 01:00 PM. Hearing was held as scheduled and the SPIO was present in person.

The SPIO apologized for the lapse on her part and assured the Commission that due diligence would be given in handling RTI cases in future and such lapses would not be repeated.

It is also observed that since she has not failed to appear before the Commission on all the summons issued to her, she is considered a sincere and cooperative officer.

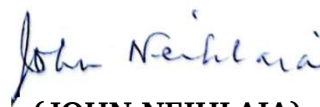
Pi Laltlanzovi Sailo is cautioned to be more acquainted with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and Mizoram RTI Rules, 2010. She should be more careful and diligent in disposing of RTI cases and top priority should be given to RTI cases. Further, it is her duty to facilitate citizens in submitting their requests properly and clarify with the applicants for unclear requests since the duty of an SPIO is not only confined to furnishing information but also to provide necessary help to the information seeker wherever necessary. She is also informed that exigency of work cannot be accepted as a valid reason to neglect RTI cases as obstruction of information could amount of imposition of penalty as per Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the above, the Commission, taking a lenient view on the matter, has decided not to take any penal action against Pi Laltlanzovi Sailo, SPIO & Deputy Director (Admn), Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement. The officer is strongly advised to ensure that the lapses are not repeated.

The case is disposed of accordingly.



(MANGJANGAM TOUTHANG)
Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission



(JOHN NEIHLAIA)
Chief Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission

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