

Second Appeal No. S.A. 391/2026-MIC

*Billy Lalhruaitluanga,
Dam Veng.*

...Appellant

Vs

*Alan Lalthanzara,
SPIO & Deputy Secretary,
General Administration Department (SAD Wing).*

...Respondent

Date & Time of hearing : 25.08.2026 at 01:00 PM.

Date of decision : 25.08.2026

Relevant facts emerging from the Second Appeal

RTI application filed on	: 03.06.2026
SPIO replied on	: 22.06.2026
First Appeal filed on	: 25.06.2026
FAA issued order/replied on	: 22.07.2026
Second Appeal received on	: 25.07.2026

Pu John Neihlaia, State Chief Information Commissioner presided over the hearing. Pu Mangjangam Touthang, State Information Commissioner and Dr. Lalzirmawia Chhangte, State Information Commissioner were present and participated in the hearing.

The appellant and respondent took an oath before commencement of the hearing.

1. The appellant submitted an RTI application as follows: -

(1) Financial Year 2025-26 chung khan Ministers (Cabinet & MOS) leh an chungte (dependant) engzah in Medical Re-Imbursement claim min hrilh thei em?

(2) MR Claim tute hming leh an in admit-na damdawiin hming leh sum pek chhuah zat min hrilh thei em?

2. The SPIO furnished the information sought under Point No. 1 but declined to disclose the information sought under Point No. 2, citing Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act on the ground that it constituted personal information. The appellant thereafter preferred a First Appeal.

Upon consideration of the matter, the FAA directed the SPIO to furnish the names of the hospitals, with the names of the individuals concerned delinked and without retaining the serial order.

3. Not satisfied with the FAA's decision, Second Appeal was preferred and as scheduled, hearing was held. Both the appellant and respondent attended the hearing in person.
4. The present Second Appeal has been preferred by the appellant against the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA) in respect of Point No. 2 of the RTI application, wherein information relating to the names of persons who submitted Medical Reimbursement (MR) claims, the names of the hospitals where they were admitted, and the amount reimbursed was sought.

OBSERVATIONS: -

1. The Commission observes that the information sought at Point No. 2 constitutes information relating to identifiable individuals and may attract the exemption under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. However, the names of the hospitals, when disclosed after being duly delinked from the names and identities of the individual beneficiaries, do not, by themselves, reveal the personal medical information of any particular individual.
2. The Commission also observes that the appellant is already aware of the names of the hospitals visited by the Ministers, as the SPIO has provided the same in compliance with the FAA's order. The appellant is also already aware that reimbursement has been made for treatment at hospitals that are not empanelled under Mizoram Universal Health Care Scheme (MUHCS). Although the matter involves expenditure of public funds, the MIC does not find that the information sought is justified by any larger public interest that outweighs the interest in protecting the personal information involved.
3. The Commission has noted that although the FAA, vide order dated 22.07.2026, directed the SPIO to furnish the list of names of hospitals, without serial order and duly delinked from the names of the individuals, the SPIO furnished the said information on 28.07.2026 i.e., the information was furnished after the appellant had already preferred the Second Appeal before the Commission on 25.07.2026.

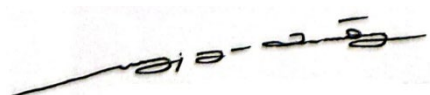
DECISION: -

In view of the above, the Commission, having considered the matter, is of the view that the information sought by the appellant does not warrant further intervention by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission does not deem it necessary to interfere further in the matter and **upholds the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), General Administration Department (Secretariat Administration Wing), Mizoram.**

The appeal is disposed of accordingly. Although there is no provision for appeal in the RTI Act, 2005 on the decision of the Commission, concerned parties are hereby informed that a constitutional remedy of judicial review by way of Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution before the High Court having jurisdiction is available, in case they are not satisfied with this decision.


(JOHN NEIHLAIA)

State Chief Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission



(MANGJANGAM TOUTHANG)
State Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission



(DR. LALZIRMAWIA CHHANGTE)
State Information Commissioner
Mizoram Information Commission

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Dated Aizawl, the 25th August, 2026

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