

Second Appeal No. S.A. 382/2026-MIC

*R. Vanlalvena,
Bethlehem Veng.*

...Appellant

Vs

*Lalnunmawia Chhangte,
SPIO & Under Secretary,
Home Department.*

...Respondent

Date & Time of hearing : 04.08.2026 at 01:00 PM.

Date of decision : 04.08.2026

Relevant facts emerging from the Second Appeal

RTI application filed on	: 01.05.2026
SPIO replied on	: 26.05.2026
First Appeal filed on	: n/a
FAA issued order/replied on	: 03.07.2026
Second Appeal received on	: 10.07.2026

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) Mizoram Sorkar leh HPC(D) te inremna a lo haw te hi tute nge an nih? An address kimchang nen*
- (2) Electoral Roll-a an Photo ID Card leh Aadhar Card Photo Copy min pe turin ka dile e.*
- (3) Heng mimal himna leh internal security kaihhnawih thil a nih avangin inpek a rem lo a lo haw te hi pawisa fai cheng engzat theuh nge pek an nih?*
- (4) HPC(D) te lo haw naah hian Mizoram Sorkar-in cheng engzat nge a hman ral?*

2. As the SPIO did not furnish information for point No. 1 & 2, the appellant preferred First Appeal. The FAA conducted hearing and upheld the decision of the SPIO. Then, the appellant proceeded to prefer Second Appeal to MIC. 3. Summons were issued to the appellant and respondents to appear before the Commission.
3. As scheduled, hearing was held where the appellant who was accompanied by Pu Vanlalzuata Sailo and the respondent attended in person.
4. During the course of the hearing, the SPIO stated although they cannot furnish information for point no. 1 and 2, information for point no. 4 i.e., the total expenditure incurred by the Government of Mizoram towards the rehabilitation of the surrendered HPC(D) members can be furnished once the expenditure is finalized by the Government.

OBSERVATIONS: -

1. The Commission observes that the SPIO has not cited the specific provisions of the RTI Act under which the information has been denied. While the public authority has referred generally to "personal safety and internal security", denial of information under the RTI Act must be supported by the applicable exemption contained in Section 8 or Section 9 of the Act.
2. The information sought consists of the identities, residential addresses and identity documents of persons who have surrendered under a rehabilitation arrangement entered into between the Government of Mizoram and HPC(D). Disclosure of such information has the potential to expose the individuals concerned and their family members to threats, intimidation or retaliation, thereby endangering their life or physical safety. The Commission is therefore satisfied that the exemption under Section 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act, 2005 is attracted, as disclosure would be likely to endanger the life or physical safety of the persons concerned.

DECISION: -

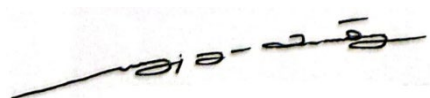
In view of the above, **the Commission hereby directs that Pu Lalnunmawia Chhangte, SPIO & Under Secretary, Home Department shall provide information pertaining to point No. 4 of the RTI application, free of cost, to the appellant at the earliest and submit compliance report to the Commission along with copies of information given to the appellant.**

The appeal is disposed of accordingly. Copy of decision to be given, free of cost, to all the parties.



(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 5th August, 2026

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