No. C. 27/08-MSIC

MIZORAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
KHATLA : AIZAWL

C. Hmingthanzami, LDC, ... Complainant
Mizoram Board of School Education, Aizawl

Vrs

SPIO, Mizoram Board of School Education, ... Respondent
Aizawl.

ORDER
(27.11.2008

A complaint has been submitted by C. Hmingthanzami, LDC, Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE), Aizawl, against the SPIO of Mizoram Board of School Education for not giving the information requested for. A complaint case was registered under No. C. 26/08-MSIC.

The short facts of the case are that the complainant, C. Hmingthangzami, requested the SPIO to give photocopy of the minutes of the 4th Selection Committee for appointment of Group 'C' employees of MBSE held on 25.10.1999. The required information was given to the complainant. However, the complainant alleged that the information given to her was not the original photocopy but a fake one. She, therefore, lodged a complaint to the Information Commission to get the photocopy of the original copy of the said minutes.

The SPIO was noticed to appear before the Commission on 26.8.2008 with all files and documents in original. The SPIO appeared in person. The SPIO produced an unauthenticated (without bearing signature, but Sd/-) copy of the minutes of the said Selection Committee kept in the Guard file and informed the Commission that the relevant file was not traceable. The SPIO was directed to make extensive search of the required document and to appear before the Commission on 16.9.2008. The SPIO appeared in person. He produced, among others, two different photocopies of the minutes of the same Selection Committee dated 25.10.1999 for the same purpose – one bearing signatures of the Chairman and Members of the Committee, and the other bearing no signatures but sd/-. The SPIO was again directed to produce the original files bearing signatures of the Members on 23.9.2008. The SPIO appeared. He produced written confirmation of the live Members of the Selection Committee that the signatures appearing in the minutes of the Selection Committee are their true signatures.

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On careful examination of the case, the Commission had the impression that the two photocopies of the minutes of the Selection Committee are not exactly alike and therefore, further enquiry about identification of the correctness of the minutes needs to be conducted. For the purpose, the Commission appointed an officer to conduct enquiry with the direction to obtain typed scripts of all kinds of typing machines, their registration number and identification, date of purchase, etc. The Inquiry Officer submitted his report. It is seen from the report of the Inquiry Officer that the MBSE had purchased 2 computers in 1999 – the same year the Selection Committee sat. These computers could have been used for typing the minutes of the Selection Committee. However, these computers have long been discarded and the type-scripts could not be obtained for identification.

In the circumstances, the Commission accepts the photocopy of the minutes bearing signatures of the Committee which have been testified by the Members alive on the body of the minutes itself as the true copy of the Selection Committee. Attested copy of the true copy of the minutes be returned to the SPIO who will, in turn, give certified copy to the applicant within seven days from the date of receipt of this order.

The SPIO is further directed to give certified copy of the minutes to Vanlalnunmawia, LDC of MBSE, who has similar case registered under C. 27/08-MSIC.

(K. TLANTHANGA)
Information Commissioner

(ROBERT HRANGDAWLA)
Chief Information Commissioner

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