ORDER
(29.10.2007)

This is an appeal filed by Society for Social Action (SOSA) against order of Mizoram State Information Commission dated 25.7.2007 in Complaint No. C. 06/07-MSIC.

Society for Social Action filed a complaint under Section 18(1)(e) of RTI Act, 2005 which was registered as Complaint No. C. 06/07-MSIC. After initial enquiry on the basis of certificate submitted by the Collector and Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl, dated 20.7.2007, the Commission passed an order dated 25.7.2007 disallowing the complaint. This appeal has been filed against that order of the Commission.

Complainant has been heard on the admissibility of appeal filed before the Commission against the order of the Commission itself. The President and the Secretary of the appellant-society stated that if appeal is inadmissible, they would be satisfied if the same is communicated to them.

The Commission is the second and final appellate authority under RTI Act. In order to file an appeal before the Commission there must have been a first appeal. In this case, there was no first appeal and, therefore, second appeal before the Commission does not lie.

The Commission's order dated 25.7.2007 was passed on the complaint of the present appellant-applicant. Under the scheme and the provisions of the RTI Act, there is no provision for filing an appeal against the order or decision of the Commission.

In the light of the foregoing discussion, the present appeal which is filed against the decision dated 25.7.2007 passed by the Commission itself cannot be entertained by the Commission as an appeal under RTI Act. In the circumstances, the appeal cannot be admitted for hearing on merit. The appeal application stands disposed of accordingly.

(ROBERT HRANGDAWLA)
Chief Information Commissioner

Memo No. SA. 07/07-MSIC

Dated Aizawl, the 29th October, 2007.

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(R. VANLALDUHA)
Sr. PPS & Deputy Secretary, Mizoram State Information Commission.