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CHAPTER – 1

INTRODUCTION

“An Act to provide for setting out of the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, the constitution of a Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

[Preamble of the RTI Act, 2005]

The Right to Information Act, 2005 fully came into effect on the 12th October 2005 and has become one of the most significant legislations enacted by the Parliament of India. According to Section 8(2) of the RTI Act- “Notwithstanding anything in the Official Secrets Act, 1923 nor any of the exemptions permissible in accordance with sub-section (1), a public authority may allow access to information, if public interest in disclosure outweighs the harm of the protected interest”

The Right to Information Act, 2005 is designed to set up a practical regime of Right to Information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of Public Authorities in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of Public Authorities. In order to promote the concept of an open Government as was the vision of the founders of the constitution of India, it is essential that an informed citizenry can have access to information which are vital to the functioning of the democracy and also to prevent, contain and fight corruption and to hold the Governments and their instrumentalities accountable to the governed.

The RTI Act, 2005 intends to bring about systemic changes in our system of Government, it seeks to make our democracy more participatory and meaningful, it encourages the citizen to enthusiastically participate in the processes of governance by seeking information.
The Mizoram Information Commission was constituted vide Notification No.F. 13011/11/2005 – IPR Dated 29.06.2006 issued by the Government of Mizoram and started functioning w.e.f 5th July 2006. The present Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner continued to function during the period under Report are as follows:-

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>From</th>
<th>To</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mr. Lal Dingliana</td>
<td>08.08.2011</td>
<td>till date</td>
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<td>Indian Foreign Service (Rtd.)</td>
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<td>Chief Information Commissioner</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mr. L. Hrangnawna</td>
<td>21.05.2012</td>
<td>till date</td>
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<td>Indian Police Service (Rtd.)</td>
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<td>Information Commissioner</td>
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As mandated under Section 25 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Mizoram Information Commission has prepared the Eighth Annual Report covering the period 1st April 2013- 31st March 2014. The Report contains the main activities of the Mizoram Information Commission and the data received from State Government Departments.
Mizoram Information Commission’s Building located at the beginning of New Secretariat Complex, Khatla

Mr. Lal Dingliana, IFS (Rtd), Chief Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission inaugurating the RTI Week, 2013 function at Aizawl
Mr. L. Hrangnawna, IPS (Rtd), State Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission giving Welcome Speech at the RTI Week, 2013 function at Aizawl

Mrs. Lalsawmi, Secretary, Mizoram Information Commission giving ‘Vote of Thanks’ at the Inauguration of RTI Week, 2013 at Aizawl.
Participants at the RTI Week 2013 function at Vanapa Hall, Aizawl

Mr. L. Hrangnawna, IPS (Rtd), State Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission as Chief Guest addressing the RTI Week, 2013 function at Lunglei
Participants at the RTI Week 2013 function at Lunglei

Observance of RTI Week, 2013 at Lawngtlai District
Observance of RTI Week, 2013 at Saiha District

Observance of RTI Week, 2013 at Kolasib District
Observance of RTI Week, 2013 at Serchhip District

Observance of RTI Week, 2013 at Champhai District
Observance of RTI Week, 2013 at Mamit District

Mr. Lal Dingliana, IFS (Rtd), Chief Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission delivering ‘Educational Talk - Focus on RTI Act, 2005’ at a function jointly organized at Zarkawt, Aizawl by Institute of Public Administration (MRB) and the Mizoram Information Commission on 22nd August, 2013.
The Mizoram Information Commission is empowered to receive and inquire into the complaints under RTI Act from any person relating to access to information under the control of Public Authorities and to decide 2nd RTI Appeals preferred against the decision of designated Appellate Authorities.

The Commission is empowered to impose penalties on erring State Public Information Officers and recommend disciplinary action against those who have denied access to information, without any reasonable cause, under the provisions of the Act or have deprived a citizen of his/her right of access to information from Public Authorities with a mala fide intention. The quantum of penalty liable to be imposed is Rs 250/- each day after the expiry of the stipulated 30 days till the information is furnished subject to a total amount not exceeding Rs 25,000/-. 

During 2013-14, 1750 RTI Applications were received by different PIO’s of various departments in the State and other authorities under this legislation which is 33% increase over the figure of 1316 RTI Applications received in 2012-13. As per records, during the last eight years, 6571 RTI applications have been received till September 2014 (details attached).

During the period under Report, 191 Public Authorities submitted Information. Out of these, 131 Public Authorities received 1750 RTI applications while 60 Public Authorities submitted ‘Nil’ reports. The Commission also received 10 RTI complaints and 11 Second Appeals, which were all settled. Eight (8) applications were directly received by the Commission and were forwarded to the concerned Public Authorities for further action.

The office of the Mizoram Information Commission is accommodated in the All India Service Officers’ Residential Building in the New Secretariat Complex, Khatla, Aizawl. The State Government has since allotted a plot of land within the New Secretariat Complex for construction of office building of the Commission and initiatives are taken for construction of the Office building.
## Computation of RTI Applications received by SPIOs, 1\textsuperscript{st} Appeals by Departmental Appellate Authorities (DAAs), 2\textsuperscript{nd} Appeals and Complaints by Mizoram Information Commission year-wise

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Applications</th>
<th>1\textsuperscript{st} Appeals</th>
<th>2\textsuperscript{nd} Appeals</th>
<th>Complaints to MIC</th>
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<td>2006-07</td>
<td>476</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>2007-08</td>
<td>371</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>2008-09</td>
<td>177</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>2009-10</td>
<td>695</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010-11</td>
<td>741</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>2011-12</td>
<td>1045 (+41%)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>2012-13</td>
<td>1316 (+26%)</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>*2013-14</td>
<td>1750 (+33%)</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>10</td>
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*(based on reports received upto 1.9.2014)*

Total : 6571 91 42 89
Organisational Structure of Mizoram Information Commission

- Chief Information Commissioner
  - SR. PPS
  - Information Commissioner
    - PPS
    - Deputy Secretary*
    - Under Secretary
    - Superintendent
      - Assistant *
      - Assistant *
      - Computer Operator *
        - UDC
        - LDC
  - Information Commissioner *
    - PPS *
    - PA *

*Vacant
Particulars of Information Officers in MIC:

Particulars of the Information Officers of the Mizoram Information Commission during 2013-2014 are indicated below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Public Authority</th>
<th>Name and Designation of DAA</th>
<th>Name and Designation of SPIO</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Mizoram Information Commission</td>
<td>Mrs. Lalsawmi, Secretary, Mizoram Information Commission New Secretariat Complex, Aizawl, Mizoram-796 001 Ph: 0389-2334826 (Telefax)</td>
<td>Mr. K. Zadawla, Under Secretary, Mizoram Information Commission New Secretariat Complex Aizawl, Mizoram-796 001 Ph:0389-2335542</td>
<td>Mrs. Lily, Superintendent, Mizoram Information Commission New Secretariat Complex, Aizawl, Mizoram - 796 001 Ph:0389-2334928 (Telefax)</td>
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Sanctioned strength and number of posts filled during 2013-2014:

The sanctioned strength and the number of posts filled during the period under report are indicated below:

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<th>Designation of the Posts</th>
<th>No. of sanctioned posts</th>
<th>No. of Posts filled</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Chief Information Commissioner</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Information Commissioner</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Senior PPS</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Deputy Secretary</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Under Secretary</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Principal Private Secretary</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Superintendent</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Stenographer Grade I (Pvt. Secretary)</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Assistant</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Computer Operator</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Stenographer Grade III (P.A)</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>U.D.C.</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>L.D.C.</td>
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<tr>
<td>15.</td>
<td>Driver</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>Despatch Rider</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>Grade IV/Peon/Chowkidar</td>
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TOTAL 36 29
**Budget of the Mizoram Information Commission:**

During 2013-2014, a budgetary provision of Rs. 199.00 lakhs has been allotted to the Commission as tabulated below:

(Rupees in lakhs)

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<td>Wages (02)</td>
<td>10.00</td>
<td>11.30</td>
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<td>Medical Treatment (06)</td>
<td>14.00</td>
<td>14.14</td>
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<tr>
<td>D.T.E. (11)</td>
<td>5.00</td>
<td>2.72</td>
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<tr>
<td>O.E. (13)</td>
<td>30.00</td>
<td>24.38</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent, Rate &amp; Taxes (14)</td>
<td>9.00</td>
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<td>O.A.E. (20)</td>
<td>6.00</td>
<td>4.49</td>
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<td>Adv. &amp; Publicity (26)</td>
<td>6.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Charges (50)</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>199.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>190.66</strong></td>
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CHAPTER – 3

SOME ACTIVITIES OF MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION, APART FROM THOSE OF ROUTINE NATURE; UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2013- 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014.

During 2013-14, the Mizoram Information Commission took up innovative programmes to propagate, disseminate and implement the RTI Act, 2005 which are highlighted as under :-

1) The Mizoram Information Commission has come to notice that while some Departments have appointed senior officers including Secretaries to the Government of Mizoram as Departmental Appellate Authorities, several Departments have designated their Junior Officers such as Deputy Secretaries as Departmental Appellate Authorities. The Commission vide letter No.C.11019/1/06-MIC dt.10.06.2013 had written to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram requesting her to have the matter looked into and issue necessary notification regarding appointment of Senior Officer as Departmental Appellate Authorities (DAA) for strict compliance. It is encouraging to see that senior officers including Principal Secretaries are now being appointed as DAAs, which will definitely contribute positively.

2) As a part of Government of India’s flagship programme, Mr. Lal Dingliana, Chief Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission, was requested an interview by the Doordarshan Kendra, Aizawl, on 6.8.2013 on the implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 by the Mizoram Information Commission, the Public Authorities and the public. The interview was telecast, amongst others, during 8<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 between 5:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
3) A function on ‘Educational Talk-Focus on RTI Act, 2005’ was organized jointly by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) (Mizoram Regional Branch) and Mizoram Information Commission on 22.8.2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Zarkawt Recreation Centre. The function was attended by members of the IIPA (MRB), various academicians and members of the Young Mizo Association of Zarkawt locality. Mr. Lal Dingliana, IFS (Rtd), Chief Information Commission, Mizoram Information Commission, who undertook detailed research, delivered a ‘Lecture’ on the theme subject covering all aspects of the RTI Act, 2005. Copies of the speech were also given to the participants for their study and also for inculcation to students and others. The speech was followed by open discussion where a number of questions and doubts were answered and clarified by the Chief Information Commissioner and others.

4) The Mizoram Information Commission vide letter No.C.31018/1/2012-MIC dt.30.08.2013 had written to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram regarding “Suo Motu Disclosures” and enclosing a copy of “Guidelines for Suo Motu (proactive) Disclosures” and “Templates for Disclosures” of the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT). It was requested that the contents of the same may be circulated to all the government departments of the State for compliance by the public authorities and in making assessment of their proactive disclosure manuals and updating their contents in the light of the DoPT’s guidelines.

5) The Chief Information Commissioner Mr. Lal Dingliana and the Information Commissioner, Mr. L. Hrangnawna, attended the 8th RTI Convention organized by the Central Information Commission w.e.f. 2nd to 4th September, 2013 at the DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi which was inaugurated by the Hon’ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

6) Mr. Lal Dingliana, Chief Information Commissioner was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Function of the State Level Workshop on RTI Act, 2005 on the 6th September 2013 at Administrative Training Institute, Aizawl, Mizoram. This workshop, organized by Administrative Training Institute highlighted various problems, issues and doubts in the implementation of the RTI Act across the State.

Mr. Lal Dingliana made an inaugural address wherein among other things, he stressed on the importance of RTI Act, 2005 and the Implementation of RTI Act, 2005 in Mizoram. He also shared his experience as the Chief Information Commissioner of Mizoram and the steps taken by Mizoram Information Commission in the dissemination and propagation of the Right to Information. He urged the Officers to learn more about the RTI Act, especially the
Guidance Booklet for Public Authorities published by the Commission. He also asked them to consider work relating to RTI as important and it should be taken seriously and not considered as additional burdens but as important service to the country.

7) 6,000 copies of RTI leaflets were printed for distribution to various places as a part of awareness of RTI Act and its application.

8) Booklet consisting ‘*Educational Talk on Right to information Act, 2005*’ prepared for his lecture by Mr. Lal Dingliana, Chief Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission, and ‘*Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on RTI Act, 2005*’ (both in English and Mizo version) was published by the Mizoram Information Commission, which was released on the occasion of the RTI Week, 2013.

9) RTI Week (5-12 October, 2013) was observed in all the 8 District capitals of Mizoram. In the capital city of Aizawl, inaugural function was organized at Vanapa Hall on 7.10.2013 by the Mizoram Information Commission in collaboration with the Department and the Directorate of Information & Public Relations. The Chief Information Commissioner, Mr. Lal Dingliana inaugurated the function as the Hon’ble Chief Minister and the Nodal Minister for Mizoram Information Commission was unable to inaugurate the function owing to the restrictions of Model Code of Conduct for the General Election to the Mizoram Legislative Assembly held in the last part of November, 2013. The function was well attended by Departmental Appellate Authorities (DAAs), Public Information Officers (PIOs), Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs), journalists, Local Council members, various NGOs and College students. Booklet consisting of ‘*Educational Talk on Right to information Act, 2005*’ prepared by Mr. Lal Dingliana, Chief Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission, and ‘*Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on RTI Act, 2005*’ (both in English and Mizo version) published by the Mizoram Information Commission on the occasion of the RTI Week, 2013 was released by the Chief Information Commissioner. Copies of the Booklets were distributed to the attending participants and, subsequently, to all Government Departments/Public Authorities, Local Councils, NGOs and prominent citizens for information and guidance.

Interaction followed the inauguration in which a number of queries presented by the participants-attendants were answered and explained by a panel comprising Mr. Lal Dingliana, Chief Information Commissioner, Mr. L. Hrangnawna, Information Commissioner, Mr. Jim K. Chozah, Director, I&PR, and Mr. Vanlalvuana, Deputy Director, Administrative Training Institute.
10) The proposed and approved programme of Mr. Lal Dingliana, Chief Information Commissioner, to attend a function at Mamit during the RTI Week could not fructify because of the visit to the District by Officials of Central Election Commission and as the District authorities also had to come to the State capital during the Week in connection with the ensuing General Election to the Legislative Assembly recently announced by the Election Commission of India. However, Mr. L. Hrangnawna, Information Commissioner, attended as Chief Guest a function of RTI Week organized by the Deputy Commissioner and the District Information and Public Relations Officer at Lunglei on 7.10.2013.

11) Representing the Mizoram Information Commission, the Chief Information Commissioner Mr. Lal Dingliana attended, as an esteemed Guest, the inaugural function of the 2-Day Conference organized by the Independent Power Producers Association of India (IPPAI) at Aijal Club on 24.10.2013 in connection with setting up of biomass power plants in North-East India.

12) The Chief Information Commissioner Mr. Lal Dingliana attended as Chief Guest a function held at Gilead Special School, Falkland, on 31.10.2013, which was to celebrate the winning of the National Female Football Championship in Hisar, Haryana, by the team of Special Olympic, Mizoram.

13) The Chief Information Commissioner Mr. Lal Dingliana attended as the Chief Guest the ‘Opening function of 4th Inter-High School Quiz, 2013’ of MZP held at the Information & Public Relations’ Auditorium on 2.11.2013. Apart from encouraging the students and teachers on their respective assignments, the CIC took the advantage of the occasion to speak on the RTI Act, 2005 to inculcate to the students and teachers.

14) As a part of awareness campaigns on RTI Act, the Commission has brought out a Calendar for 2014 with the aim of informing the public the details of the address and contact of the Mizoram Information Commission with an appropriate RTI slogan in it. The calendars were distributed to Government offices and Schools as well as to Information and Public Relations Officers of all the eight Districts for distribution to Public Authorities, Village Councils and other Non-Governmental Organizations.

15) The Chief Information Commissioner, Mr Lal Dingliana, attended the felicitation programme of newly appointed officers of Mizoram Civil Service (MCS), Mizoram Police Service (MPS) and Mizoram Finance & Accounts
Service (MF&AS) organized by ZONET Television on 25.2.2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Chanmari YMA Hall where he handed over citations to the new MCS Officers. As per the programme the CIC addressed the gathering, particularly the new Officers and gave good advices to the new officers based on his own 36 yrs service in Indian Foreign Service and he also spoke on the importance of the RTI Act.

16) On attaining the age of 60, Mr. R. Vanlalduha, Sr Principal Private Secretary to Chief Information Commissioner, relinquished his post on superannuation on the afternoon of 28th February, 2014. However, due to dearth of eligible and willing candidates from the State Government to occupy the post, Mr. R. Vanlalduha was allowed re-employment by the State Government for a period of one year vide letter No. A. 12011/1/95-PAR(SSW)/244 dt.19.5.2014 and a notification to that effect was issued by the Mizoram Information Commission vide No. A. 27020/1/2006-MIC dt.22.5.2014. Mr. Vanlalduha re-joined on 26.5.2014.

17) Mrs. Lalsawmi, a deputationist from the State Government, who occupied the post of Secretary to the Commission in her own grade scale of Additional Secretary, was promoted to the post of Secretary to the State Government and was allowed to continue as Secretary to the Commission as such on deputation. The Commission accepted her continuation as Secretary to the Commission.

She was subsequently absorbed as Secretary to the Commission and a notification to that effect was issued vide No. A. 12011/1/2012-MIC dt. 1.4.2014. Absorption of all deputationists was already allowed by the State Government vide No. D. 13017/1/2009-P&AR(GSW)Pt dt. 14.12.2012. Four officer-deputationists had earlier been absorbed in the month of January, 2013.

18) Mr. Lal Dingliana, Chief Information Commissioner, Mizoram Information Commission, attended as Chief Guest the convocation of the IGNOU Regional Centre, Aizawl, held on 16.4.2014 at the Synod Conference Centre. Apart from other issues, such as Career Guidance, his own experience, the Chief Information Commissioner took the opportunity to speak on the Right to Information Act, 2005 and its implementation in Mizoram.
19) The **Chief Information Commissioner**, as Chief Guest, graced the Rongali Bihu organized by Assamese residents in Mizoram on 10.5.2014 at Vanapa Hall where he also utilized the opportunity to speak about the RTI and its implementation in Mizoram.

20) Arrangement was made in the Mizoram Information Commission for **2 (two) IV Semester students of Public Administration of the Mizoram University to undertake practical training** from 21.5.2014 to 4.6.2014.

21) The **Mizoram Information Commission (MIC)** took the initiatives in sending the Annual Report of the MIC as well as RTI Guidelines Booklets to the Leaders of different denominations of Churches in Mizoram, Leaders of different NGOs and those organizations involved in practicing RTI Act.

22) During the year under report, as many as **21 RTI Roadside Hoardings** have been put up in different localities in Aizawl as well as in different Towns and Villages of Mizoram; **30 RTI Display advertisements** in different newspapers and magazines and **56 RTI Banner advertisements** have also been put up in various public functions organized in different parts of the State. Moreover RTI Advertisements are displayed in the print and electronic media (TVs) and community/church weekly publications etc at regular intervals.

23) The Commission produced an **RTI Theme Song in Mizo**, the official language of the State, entitled ‘**Right to Information (RTI) Kan Ram Tan**’ for creating RTI awareness and popularising RTI. The song was sung by **Ms. Melody Lalsawithangi who stood 3rd at ‘Mizo Icon 2012’**. The lyrics of the **RTI Theme Song (in Mizo)** can be seen at page 19. The DVDs of the RTI Song were distributed to all District authorities, IPRO offices and also telecast in the local TVs.

24) **Since April 2012**, the Mizoram Information Commission became a registered member of the **National Federation of Information Commissions in India (NFICI)** by paying a one-time ‘Registration Fee’ of Rs.5.00 lakhs. In addition an amount of Rs.1.00 lakh only as ‘Annual Membership Fee’, is being paid annually.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mizoram Information Commission (MIC) wishes to express special thanks to the Government of Mizoram, particularly to the Hon’ble Chief Minister (and the Nodal Minister for MIC); the Department and Directorate of Information and Public Relations of Govt. of Mizoram; the Deputy Commissioners and the District Authorities concerned in all the Districts of Mizoram for their cooperation extended to the MIC for the implementation of RTI Act 2005 and observance of RTI Weeks. The Commission also acknowledges with thanks the contribution and effort of the Public Authorities for the prompt submission of their Reports which has enabled the Commission to make this Annual Report.
CHAPTER 4
No.F.12015/2/2013-MIC
MIZORAM INFORMATION COMMISSION
NEW SECRETARIAT COMPLEX
MIZORAM: AIZAWL

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Dated Aizawl, the 3rd July, 2013

Subj: MONITORING AND REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION (RTI) ACT.


Section 25 (1) States that “The Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each year, prepare a “Report” on the implementation of the provisions of this Act (RTI) during that year and forward a copy to the appropriate Government”

Section 25 (2) clearly stated that “Each Ministry or Department shall, in relation to the Public Authorities within their jurisdiction, collect and provide such information to the Central or State Information Commission as is required to prepare the Report under this section and comply with the requirements concerning the furnishing of that information and keeping of records for the purposes of this section.”

Section 25 (4) mention that “The Central or State Government, as the case may be, may, as soon as practicable after the end of each year, cause a copy of the Report of the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, referred to in sub-section (1) to be laid before each House of Parliament or, as the case may be, before each House of the State Legislature, where there are two Houses, and where there is one House of the State Legislature before that House.”

For this reason, every Department under the Govt. of Mizoram are to compile the required information pertaining to their office and all its subordinate offices in a prescribed form given to them by the Commission and submit the same to the Commission by 30th June of each year.
In order to have better monitoring and compilation of the “inputs” from the Public Authorities the MIC had called for “Quarterly Reports” to be submitted on regular basis.

Mizoram Information Commission has observed that while there are Departments, which have adhered to the “Guidelines” for the submission of the Report, there are several Departments, which have not taken their Report seriously. The concerned Public Authority not only did not bother to submit “Quarterly Report” after proper scrutiny in time; but also submitted their “Annual Report” to MIC after inordinate delay. They have submitted some part of the Report to same each year without giving attention and making effort for implementation of RTI Act, 2005 especially in regard to Section 4 of the RTI Act i.e. the obligation of Public Authorities which are required to be complied by all Departments.

2. It is also observed that several Departments had enclosed old and outdated Notifications regarding appointment of DAAs, SPIOs and SAPIOs in their Monitoring Report. In some cases appointments of DAAs, SPIOs and SAPIOs have been made by “Designations” only. This is not acceptable because Officers have to be appointed giving their “Names” and “Designations” so that responsibilities can be fixed in the eventually of not adhering to RTI Act by DAA, SPIO and SAPIO. In future, Office Orders containing the latest appointments of DAAs, SPIOs and SAPIOs by names and designation may be enclosed along with the Report of different Departments of the Government of Mizoram.

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Mizoram Information Commission

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Copy to:-
1. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Nodal Minister of Mizoram Information Commission.
2. P.S to Chief Minister, Mizoram for information.
3. Sr.PPS to Chief Secretary, Mizoram.
4. All Administrative Departments.
5. All Heads of Departments.
6. Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl/Lunglei/Saiha/Champhai/Kolasib/Mamit/Lawngtlai/Surchhip, with a request to submit similar report under his Jurisdiction.

7. Managing Director, MKVIB, MIZOFED, ZIDCO, MIFCO, ZOHANDCO, MAHCO, MAMCO, MCAB Ltd., MSSWAB, MSCU, ZENICS, MULCO/President, MBSE, Aizawl, Mizoram, for similar action.

8. Guard File.

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LYRICS OF RTI THEME SONG

RIGHT TO INFORMATION (RTI) KAN RAM TAN

1. Chung Pathian khuanu relsa iangin,
   Thang leh thar Zofa hmasawn zel nan;
   Right to Information lo ding chhuak e,
   Zofa lengte’n lo hmang ve u.

   A mawi ngei! a sakhming RTI
   Nunkhaw nwmna leh Zo hnam himna tur;
   Rianghlei tan pawh damna I lo ni e,
   RTI hlemhlet venna tha.

2. Maurua iangin mawite’n lo tuai e,
   Thiam thil hmanga entu ropui hmingmawi;
   A sakhming vuah nang e, hriatzauna huang,
   Nunkhaw nwm ve nan Zoram tan.

3. A pisa vuah nang e, Dikna Run,
   Thiamte a Zohnam damna tur ngei maw;
   Hawh u, I hmg thiam ang, a finna khawl,
   A iang awm lo – Langtlang hrltu.

4. Beiseina kawl eng thangthar tan,
   I lo ni kan damna leh himna pawh;
   Vengtu rinawm sakhming I phu ber mai,
   Dikna leh rinawmna tantu.

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