

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG

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No. MIC/Complaint/105/2009/23,

Shri Mathias N. Marak, Lower Hawakhana, Tura - Complainant

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The P.I.O-cum-Principal, D.I.E.T., Rongkhon, West Garo Hills, Tura - Respondent

ORDER

27-11-2009: The Respondent-PIO, Smti Y.R.Marak, acting Principal, D.I.E.T., Rongkhong, West Garo Hills, Tura is present in the Commission today and submitted her show cause.

According to her, she took over as Principal, D.I.E.T.,-cum-P.I.O, w.e.f. 1-10-2009 from the previous Principal, Smti K.R.Marak now Joint Director, D.E.R.T., Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong, According to her, on receipt of Commission's Order dated 2-11-2009, she had enquired from the office about any pending matters and was informed that there was an R.T.I. application received on 24-8-2009 which was duly received. On 18-9-2009 the then P.I.O. and Principal of the D.I.E.T., Smti K.R. Marak had got the information ready to be sent to the complainant. However, it was found out from the R.T.I. application that the given postal address is not complete as the Pin Code has been omitted by the complainant. Moreover, the telephone connection to the D.I.E.T., had been out of order and he could not be informed over telephone to collect the information and as such the information could not be furnished to him. However, on 25-11-2009, she had to send a special messenger to find him out and to deliver the information which was duly received by him.

From the information made available to this Commission, there is reason to believe the P.I.O. had not deliberately or willfully refused or delayed to furnish the information to the complainant. It is a fact that every Post

Offices have a Pin Code now a days and complete Postal address also includes the Pin Code so that the delivery of information should not be lost or delayed. By non-inclusion of the correct postal address, the complainant is also responsible for delay in receiving the information and the act of sending the same through special messenger indicates the sincerity of purpose on the part of the P.I.O. to get the information sent across to the complainant.

In view of the above steps taken by the Respondent-PIO, the Commission accepted the show cause and exonerated the Respondent-PIO from liability of a penalty.

Since the complainant is not present in the Commission to state his views, if any, the Commission presumed that the information furnished is satisfactory and duly received by him.

Case disposed of.

(G.P.Wahlang)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Meghalaya, Shillong.

Memo. No. MIC/Complaint/105/2009/23-A Dated Shillong, the 27th November, 2009
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- (1) The P.I.O-cum-Principal, D.I.E.T., Rongkhong, West Garo Hills, Tura.
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(S.F.Khongwir)

Secretary,
Meghalaya Information Commission,
Shillong.