

**MEGHALAYA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION,
SHILLONG**

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No. MIC/Complaint/72/2009/12,

Shri S.K.Singh, Barapathar, Shillong - Complainant

-Vrs-

Headmaster, Madan Laban Nepali UP/LP School, Shillong (APIO) - Respondent

28-8-2009

ORDER

Seen complaint petition dated 14-8-2009 received from Shri S.K.Singh, complainant.

On perusal of the complainant petition, the Commission found that the complainant made an information request vide letter dated 03-7-2009 addressed to the A.P.I.O-cum-Headmaster, Madan Laban Nepali Up/LP School, Shillong with a copy to the P.I.O. viz., the Deputy Inspector of Schools, East Khasi Hills, Shillong. Under Section 6(1) of the R.T.I. Act, a person, who desires to obtain any information under the Act, shall make a request in writing to –

- (a) the State Public Information Officer
- (b) the State Assistant Public Information Officer

specifying the particulars of the information sought by him or her.

Normally, such applications are to be addressed to the P.I.O. and it may be submitted to the P.I.O. directly or through A.P.I.O. depending on the locational convenience of the requester. The job of the A.P.I.O. is only to forward the information request to the P.I.O. as he is not authorized under the Law to furnish any information directly.

The present complainant has been making a number of R.T.I. requests to the P.I.O. directly viz., the Deputy Inspector of Schools, East Khasi Hills, Shillong and there is, therefore, no locational advantage for him to submit his application through the A.P.I.O. It is apparent from his application that he had intentional applied to the A.P.I.O. with a copy to the P.I.O. which should have been other way round.

Addressing his R.T.I. request to the A.P.I.O. who has no authority to furnish it under the Law, receiving the information unauthorisedly furnished by the A.P.I.O. directly knowing that only the P.I.O. has such legal authority and then complaining against the A.P.I.O. for deficiency of the information received, are activities not in consonant with the provisions of the Law.

Under the circumstances, the complaint is rejected as having invalidly made under the Law.

Case disposed off.

(G.P.Wahlang)

C.I.C.

Memo. No. MIC/Complaint/72/2009/12-A Dated Shillong, the 28th August, 2009

Copy to:-

(1) Headmaster, Madan Laban Nepali U.P/L.P. School, Shillong (APIO)

(2) Shri S.K.Singh, C/o Limbu Compound Barapathar, Shillong – 2.

(P.T.Rani)

Under Secretary,
Meghalaya State Information Commission,
Shillong.