

**MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION, SHILLONG**

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**No. MIC/Complaint/76/2009/91,**

Shri Phillip D. Sangma, General Secretary, All India Garo Union,  
Williamnagar, East Garo Hills.

- Complainant

-Vrs-

District Medical & Health Officer, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills, (P.I.O.) - Respondent

**ORDER**

**29-9-2009:** Both the complainant and the Respondent-PIO are present in the Commission today. The complainant in this case is Shri Phillip D. Sangma, General Secretary, All India Garo Union, Williamnagar Regional Unit, East Garo Hills.

The case of the complainant is that he filed an R.T.I. application vide letter No. WN/AIGU-WRU/RTI/197 & 203 dated 30<sup>h</sup> June, 2009 to the Respondent-PIO, Dr (Mrs) C.B.Sangma, DMHO, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar, seeking information on some items relating to the functioning of Hospitals, CHCs, PHCs in East Garo Hills District. The P.I.O. vide letter No. EGH/PIO/RTI/06/2088 dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 furnished the information to the complainant which was received by him on the same date. According to the complainant, he had sought information from the P.I.O., in printed category or form as provided under R.T.I. Act but, information they received is in the form of a statement compiled by the staff of the office of the D.M.H.O., Williamnagar, which is not the form required under R.T.I. Act which implies copies of existing records, copied/zeroxed from the original official records.

The P.I.O., has been asked to furnish a written statement for not furnishing information to the complainant in the form requested by him. In response, the P.I.O., stated that under section 7(9) of the R.T.I. Act, information should be provided in the form in which it is sought. In the instant case, however, the specific form in question has not been made available by the complainant to the P.I.O. for furnishing the information. Therefore, the P.I.O. in her best judgment furnished the information in the form of statement of list of medicines supplied, foodstuff supplied, and other items which has been compiled from the original records in the custody of the public authority.

Having heard both the parties, the Commission examined the matter and observed as under:

(1) The R.T.I. application dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 was received by the P.I.O. on 7-7-2009. The Respondent-PIO furnished the information to the complainant on 7-8-2009. Hence there is no delay on the part of the P.I.O. in furnishing the information.

(2) The complainant vide his letter No. WN/AIGU-WRU/RTI/197 dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 made request for the following information to the P.I.O. viz.,

Copies of list of foodstuff supplied, medicines supplied, awareness programmes, list of staff appointed, non-functioning of T.B. Control Centre, equipments and materials supplied for the year 2008-2009 in printed category/form provided in the R.T.I. Act.

Instead of furnishing photo copies of information which are contained in hundred of pages of records in her custody, the Respondent-PIO had compiled the same and furnished to the complainant. According to the P.I.O. there are 17 Health Units in her District and there are different issue Registers for medicines, foodstuff and other items supplied to those Health Institutions. Photo copying of those records, apart from being bulky and off-size for the zerox machine there will be repetition of many items a number of times as supplied to each Health Institutions. Since the complainant wanted the list, compilation has been made from the Registers/records of medicines, foodstuff, etc., actually supplied to those Health Institutions in order to avoid disproportionate diversion of the resources of public authority.

The Commission also observed the complainant did not furnish any proforma in which he would like the information be furnished to him and that the R.T.I. Act did not provide any specific form or proforma for furnishing information to the citizens.

The Commission, therefore, observed that unless there are other inconsistencies or defects in information supplied, the form in which the Respondent-PIO had furnished the information does not contradict the provision of the Law.

Having discussed the matter, the complainant agreed to accept the information furnished by the P.I.O.

The complainant is informed that he is at liberty to make further information request through separate R.T.I. application to the P.I.O. for any additional information he would require in connection with the information already furnished to him.

Case disposed off.

**( G.P.Wahlang )**  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Meghalaya, Shillong.

**Memo. No. MIC/Complaint/76/2009/91-A Dated Shillong, the 29th September, 2009**

Copy forwarded to:-

- (1) Dr (Mrs) C.B.Sanmga, District Medical & Health Officer, East Garo Hills, Willaimangar (P.I.O.).
- (2) Shri Phillip D. Sangma, General Secretary, All India Garo Union, Williamnagar Regional Unit, East Garo Hills.

**( S.F.Khongwir )**  
Secretary,  
Meghalaya Information Commission,  
Shillong.