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MANIPUR INFORMATION COMMISSION
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Complaint Case No. 8 of 2025

Ng. Yaima Singh

- Complainant

-vs-

The SPIO/ Asstt. Registrar Cooperative Societies, Manipur

-Respondent

DECISION

Date: 28-07-2025

The SPIO is represented by Shri K. Victorjit Singh, SPIO, Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Manipur. The complainants, Shri Ng. Yaima Singh and Shri Khunjamayum Sanajaoba Singh are also present.

Background:

The complainants, Ng. Yaima Singh and Khunjamayum Sanajaoba Singh, filed an application under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) on 12-05-2025, seeking specific information from the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Manipur. The application was duly received by the SPIO under RR No. 344 dated 12-05-2025. Subsequently, the complainants filed a complaint under Section 18(1)(c) of the RTI Act on 01-07-2025, alleging that the SPIO failed to furnish the requested information within the stipulated time frame and seeking penal action under Section 20 of the RTI Act.

Examination of the Case:

Upon review of the RTI application and the complaint application, the Commission has noted the following:

1. The RTI application dated 12-05-2025 was jointly filed by two individuals, namely Ng. Yaima Singh and Khunjamayum Sanajaoba Singh.
2. The complaint under Section 18(1)(c) of the RTI Act was also jointly filed by the same two individuals.
3. Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, explicitly states:

"A person, who desires to obtain any information under this Act, shall make a request in writing or through electronic means in English or Hindi or in the official language of the area in which the application is being made, accompanying such fee as may be prescribed, to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be."

The provision clearly specifies that an RTI application must be made by "a person," indicating an individual applicant. The RTI Act does not permit joint applications by multiple individuals, as this could complicate the process of verification, fee payment, and delivery of information to a single identifiable applicant.

Proceedings of the Hearing:

During the hearing today i.e. 28-07-2025, the Commission explained to both parties the legal requirement under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, that an RTI application must be filed by a single person and not jointly by two or more individuals. After a detailed discussion on the provisions of the RTI Act, both the complainants and the respondent acknowledged their procedural oversight. The complainants expressed their willingness to file fresh RTI applications individually, in compliance with the RTI Act. The respondent also assured the Commission that they would strictly adhere to the provisions of the RTI Act in handling future applications.

Findings:

The RTI application and the subsequent complaint were filed jointly by two individuals, which is not in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Act requires that an application for information be made by a single person, as the framework is designed to address requests from individual citizens. The joint filing of the RTI application by Ng. Yaima Singh and Khunjamayum Sanajaoba Singh is, therefore, procedurally invalid and contravenes the legal requirements of the RTI Act.

Decision:

In view of the above findings and the proceedings of the hearing, the Commission hereby rejects the complaint filed under Section 18(1)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005, on the grounds that the original RTI application dated 12-05-2025 was not filed in accordance with Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, as it was submitted jointly by two applicants. This renders the complaint invalid. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed without considering the merits of the case. No further action is warranted under Section 18(1)(c) or Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005. The complainants are at liberty to file fresh RTI applications individually, in compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, to seek the desired information from the concerned public authority. The Commission notes the respondent's assurance to strictly adhere to the provisions of the RTI Act in handling future applications.

Announced in open chamber.

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Deputy Registrar (Judl. -I),
Manipur Information Commission

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2. Ng. Yaima Singh, Takhel Awang Leikai, P.O. Lamlong & P.S. Lamalai, Imphal East District, Manipur
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3. Kh. Sanajaoba Singh of Bamon Kampu, P.O. Singjamei & P.S. Irilbung, Imphal East District, Manipur.
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