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MANIPUR INFORMATION COMMISSION
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Complaint Case No. 7 of 2025

Meithuanlung Gangmei	– Appellant.
-Vs-	
The SPIO/ Deputy Commissioner, Tamenglong, Manipur.	– Respondent.

DECISION

Dated: 15.7.2025

The SPIO/ DC, Tamenglong is represented by Shri Namthango Kamei, AC to DC, Tamenglong through audio conference. The Appellant appears in person.

Brief Facts of the Case: The present Applicant/Appellant had filed an RTI application dated 21.3.2025 to the SPIO/ DC, Tamenglong seeking a certified true copy of the compensation award order dated 16.6.2017 bearing No. DC (TML) 1/370 (RLY) 09 (TUPUL – IMPHAL) u/s 6 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The Public Authority, DC, Tamenglong, furnished a written reply along with the information. However, in the said information it was stated that “upon verification, it was found that the copy of the award order enclosed in the RTI application contained errors”, and, accordingly, the concerned Authority had issued a corrected certified true copy of the compensation award which has been verified and certified by the Bench Clerk of the concerned DC’s Office, Tamenglong.

Thereafter, the Applicant/ Appellant filed first Appeal petition dated 8.4.2025 to the DC, Tamenglong u/s 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and alleged that the information provided by the Public Authority is incomplete and misleading.

As a last resort he filed a Complaint petition to the Commission on 15.5.2025 u/s 18 of the RTI Act.

Hence, the present Complaint petition.

On the day of the hearing on 25.6.2025, the Applicant/ Appellant submitted that he had received the said information on 27.3.2025 from the Public Authority, DC, Tamenglong, however, in the said information it was stated that “upon verification, it was found that the copy of the award order enclosed in the RTI application contained errors”, and, accordingly, the concerned Authority had issued a corrected certified true copy of the compensation award which has been verified and certified by the Bench Clerk of the concerned DC’s Office, Tamenglong. He alleged that the information provided by the Public Authority is incomplete and misleading. He also contended that the said order copy was collected from the counter affidavit of WP (C) No. 311 of 2022 submitted by his opponent Mr. Lovejoy, which is now pending before the Hon’ble High Court of Manipur. He further submitted that the opposite party has already received compensation amount from the concerned Authority.

On being asked to the Complainant whether he wanted to obtain the information or to initiate penal provision against the concerned Public Authority. In response, the Complainant submitted that he preferred to obtain the information.

As preferred by the Complainant, the present Complaint petition was treated as Appeal petition.

In the meantime, the representative of the Public Authority through audio conference submitted that the certified true copy order for award of compensation dated 16.6.2017 bearing No. DC (TML) 1/370 (RLY) 09 (TUPUL – IMPHAL) u/s 6 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 has some error and as such a corrected order of the same was issued to the Complainant.

Accordingly, the Commission had directed the concerned SPIO/ DC, Tamenglong to provide a written reply/ information indicating that the order copy relating to the award for compensation which has been enclosed by the present Applicant/ Appellant is erroneous and that the subsequent order issued on the same date is the true certified order copy for the award of the compensation direct to the Applicant/ Appellant on or before the next hearing with copy endorsed to the Commission.

On the day of final hearing dated 15.7.2025, the Commission received a letter from the DC, Tamenglong dated 7.7.2025 addressed to the Appellant with copy endorsed to the Commission.

The Appellant submitted that he had already received the letter dated 7.7.2025 provided by the Public Authority. However, he expressed his dissatisfaction with the said information.

The representative of the SPIO/ DC, Tamenglong through audio conference clarified that the Compensation award dated 16.6.2017 which was enclosed in the RTI application was invalid and not acted upon and the corrected certified true copy was already provided to the Appellant on 27.3.2025. He further added that in compliance with the Commission's Order dated 25.6.2025, the concerned SPIO has submitted a written reply/ information dated 7.7.2025 indicating that the Order copy relating to the award for land compensation which has been enclosed by the present Complainant is erroneous and the subsequent Order issued on the same date on **16.6.2017** is the true certified Order copy for the award of compensation.

Observation and Decision:

The SPIO/ DC, Tamenglong has confirmed, through the response dated 27.03.2025 and the clarification dated 07.07.2025, that the certified true copy of the valid compensation award dated **16.06.2017**, officially acted upon, was provided to the Appellant. The earlier copy referenced by the Appellant was invalid, as it was not acted upon, and this error was corrected by the SPIO.

The Commission is satisfied that the SPIO has fulfilled the Appellant's request for certified true copy of the valid compensation award, as sought in his RTI application dated 21.03.2025.

The SPIO also clarified during hearing today that the information provided i.e., the corrected certified true copy of the award, is the only information available in the Office records pertaining to the Appellant's request.

The Commission is of the view that u/s 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the SPIO is obligated to provide only the information available in the records of the Public Authority. If no additional records exist, the SPIO cannot be compelled to create or provide non-existent information. The SPIO's oral clarification during the hearing, affirming that no further records exist, addresses the Appellant's request for detailed information for 2017-2021, subject to verification.

The SPIO has complied with the request for the certified true copy of the valid compensation award and has now clarified that no additional records exist for the period 2017-2021.

In view of the above findings, the Commission holds that the SPIO has fully complied with the Appellant's request for a certified true copy of the valid compensation award dated 16.06.20217, by providing the corrected and authentic document vide

information dated 27.03.2025, as confirmed in the clarification dated 07.07.2025. Hence, the Commission is of the opinion that no further Appeal proceedings is called for.

With the above observation, the Appeal case is closed.

Announced in open Chamber.

Sd/-

(K. Radhashyam Singh)

State Chief Information Commissioner,
Manipur Information Commission.

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15.7.2025

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Deputy Registrar (Judl. – II),

Manipur Information

Commission

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1. SPIO/ DC, Tamenglong, Manipur.
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