

No: A/204/MIC - 2025
MANIPUR INFORMATION COMMISSION
SECRETARIAT NORTH BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR,
BEHIND WESTERN BLOCK, IMPHAL, MANIPUR.
Phone No: 0385-2456495



Appeal Case No. 204 of 2025

N. Ronnie Singh

- Appellant

-Vs-

SPIO/ C.E., Water Resources Dept., Manipur.

- Respondents

DECISION

Imphal:- 02.02.2026

Both the SPIO and the Appellant are present.

Brief Facts of the Case:

1. The Appellant filed an RTI application dated 29-08-2025 before the SPIO, Water Resources Department, seeking information regarding compliance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, including identification of suitable posts for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) in direct recruitment and promotion, maintenance of separate 100-point vacancy-based reservation roster/register, appointment of Liaison Officer, and maintenance of dedicated register/mechanism for complaints/grievances of PwBD employees and applicants.
2. No reply was received from the SPIO within the prescribed 30 days, leading to deemed refusal under Section 7(2) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Appellant preferred First Appeal on 01-10-2025, which was also not disposed of within the time limit under Section 19(6). Consequently, the Second Appeal under Section 19(3) was filed before the Commission.
3. The matter was heard on 15-12-2025. The Commission found the replies to Query Nos. 1 and 2 inadequate and directed the SPIO to furnish correct and complete information which were left out as per existing records on or before the next hearing. The case was adjourned to 02-02-2026 at 11:15 a.m.
4. Pursuant to the direction, the SPIO furnished information vide letter No. CE/WR/2-76(Estt)/2025/1406 dated 29-01-2026 (forwarded on 30-01-2026), copy of which was placed before the Commission during the hearing held today.

Summary of the Hearing:

1. The matter came up for further hearing on 02-02-2026. The Appellant appeared in person. The SPIO was represented. The supplementary reply dated 29-01-2026 was taken on record.
2. In respect of Query No. 1, the SPIO clarified that if "Direct Recruitment" is understood as exclusive of contractual engagement/appointment, then no such recruitment has been undertaken. Further, in the absence of enabling instructions from the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Personnel Division), Government of Manipur, on reservation for PwBDs in promotion, the Department has no authority to provide reservation in promotion.

3. In respect of Query No. 2, the SPIO clarified that a separate 100-point vacancy-based reservation roster/register for PwBDs is prepared prior to each recruitment. Reservation for PwBDs in direct recruitment was adopted by the State in 2020 vide DPAR (PD) OM No. 33/25/17-DR(For)/DP(Pt.II) dated 26-02-2020. Since then, only one direct recruitment (for contractual appointment of Junior Engineer (Section Officer)) has been held in the Department, in which one candidate was appointed under the PwBD category.

4. The Appellant, after perusing the information furnished today, submitted that he has received satisfactory and complete information in respect of all his queries and requested the Commission to close the appeal proceedings.

Findings:

1. The Commission finds that the SPIO has now furnished the demanded information in compliance with the directions issued on 15-12-2025. The supplementary reply dated 29-01-2026 adequately addresses the deficiencies pointed out earlier in Query Nos. 1 and 2, and provides information as held in the records of the public authority.

2. The Appellant has expressed full satisfaction with the information provided and has no further grievance. No aspect of the original queries remains unanswered.

Decisions:

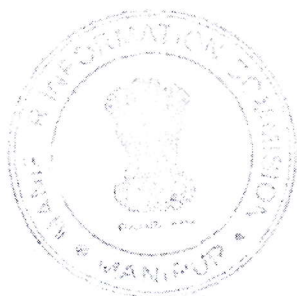
In view of the above findings and the satisfaction expressed by the Appellant, the appeal is allowed as having been satisfied and stands closed and disposed of.

No penalty proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 are initiated in the facts and circumstances of the case.

Announced in open proceedings.

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2. The SPIO/ SE, Khuga Project Circle(KPC), WR, Manipur.
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4. The Joint Secretary (MIC), Manipur – He is requested to upload it on the official website.

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