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MANIPUR INFORMATION COMMISSION
*SECRETARIAT NORTH BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR,
BEHIND WESTERN BLOCK,
IMPHAL, MANIPUR.
Phone No: 0385-2456495*

Appeal Case No. 36 of 2025

Langhu Saimond Anal

- Appellant

-Vs-

SPIO/ Director (SCERT), Manipur & Anr.

- Respondents

DECISION

Dated: - 11.4.2025

The FAA and the SPIO are represented by Shri R.K. Kamal, OSD, Legal and Shri S. Okendrajit Singh, OSD, Legal respectively. The Appellant is also present.

Brief Facts of the case:

The Appellant had filed his RTI application addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO)/ Principal, DIET Centre, Hanatham, Chandel District on 24.9.2024 and sought certain information regarding answer papers of all subject in respect of (i) two students from 18th batch, DIET final examination, 2023 and (ii) 50 selected candidates and another candidate in the DIET Entrance Examination 2024.

Thereafter, the Appellant filed his First Appeal addressed to the Directorate of Education, State Public Information Officer (SPIO), Manipur on 7.11.2024.

In response to the said First Appeal, the Director, SCERT vide his decision dated 30.01.2025 informed the Appellant with regard to query No. 3 (i) and (ii) that the answer script of D.El.Ed. for 18 batch of DIET Final Examination, 2023 had already been disposed as per the Department order No. 18/147/2013-EXAM(DIET)/SCERT dated 28.8.2024.

With regard to query No. 4 (i) and (ii) the Director, SCERT had informed the Appellant that the information sought therein relating DIET Entrance Examination, 2024 are conducted by the DIET concerned and hence, the part of the RTI application has been transferred to the Principal, DIET Chandel. And, the Principal, DIET Chandel vide information dated 31.01.2025 informed the Appellant that the sought answer papers are private property of the Office concerned and denied the information.

Against the said decisions of the Director, SCERT dated 3.1.2025 and Principal, DIET Chandel dated 31.1.2025, the Appellant filed his present Second Appeal petition dated 6.3.2025 to this Commission on 18.3.2025.

Summary of the Hearing & Decision:

The case was heard on 11.4.2025. During the hearing, the representative of the SPIO submitted that the answer script sought by the Appellant are third party information which are exempted under Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005. And, over and above the answer scripts had been disposed as per prescribed norms of the Public Authority.

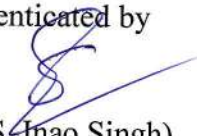
After hearing from both the parties and perusal of case records the Commission is of the view that the answer script of other candidates cannot be obtained by the Appellant, as the same is exempted u/s 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Hence, the prayer of the Appellant is not acceded to.

Announced in open Chamber.

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1. The FAA/ Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Commissioner/ Secretary (SCERT), Govt. of Manipur.
2. The SPIO/ Director (SCERT), Manipur
3. Langhu Saimond Anal, # 9612194411.

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