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

Appeal Case No. 14 of 2025

Thokchom Jilla Singh	– Appellant.
-Vs-	
The SPIO/ Dy. Director, (Transport), Manipur & Anr.	– Respondents.

DECISION

Dated: - 19.5.2025

Ms. Hemabati Yaikhom, Legal Officer, Transport and Shri Phamdon Bijoykumar Singh, Accountant (Transport) are present. The Appellant and his Ld. Counsel W. Joykumar are also present.

During the hearing today, the Ld. Counsel of the Appellant submitted that the present RTI application was filed on the basis of the complaint report submitted by the Appellant to the concerned Director (Transport), Manipur and the Secretary (Transport), Government of Manipur dated 18.11.2021, 19.9.2022 & 6.10.2022. However, the Public Authority has not taken up any action regarding the complaint application/ report. As such, he argued that the question of accountability had arisen on the part of the Public Authority for not taking up any steps for the said complaint application/ report. He further argues that the Public Authority has not furnished any information for query No. 8 & 9 of the RTI application. Additionally, he submitted that the Transport Department did not seize vehicles with double permit/ NOC against the Officer bearers of IURZT Association (Vehicles plying under Imphal – Ukhrul Road Zonal Taxi). He further insisted the Commission to direct the Transport Department to pay compensation to the Appellant for loss of time and energy in pursuing the information.

In response, the Legal Officer, Transport clarified that the Department/ Directorate of Transport has initiated action on the present complaint reports filed by the present Appellant by the Office of the Transport Directorate. However, some delay has happened due to covid pandemic and ethnic crisis in the state. She further added that there is no question of issuing double permit in the Directorate Office of Transport, Manipur. She further clarified that every permit issued by the Directorate of Transport has time limit and the same is valid only for three months and when the time limit lapsed the same is automatically invalid until and unless the same is renewed as per the MV Act.

She further added that, as per the direction of the Commission dated 25.3.2025, a joint sitting/ inspection of records was done with the Appellant in the Office Chamber of Director (Transport) on 2.4.2025 at 11:00 am. On that day, the Appellant also agreed to obtain the NOC along with copies of the application regarding issuing of temporary permit of the Imphal – Ukhrul Road Zonal Association which is related with query No. 8 & 9 of the present RTI application.

Accordingly, the Public Authority handed over a set of information as agreed upon in the joint sitting/ inspection, containing xerox copy of the application submitted at the time of obtaining permit (13 vehicles) and its relevant statement showing the present status of permit during the hearing.

In response, the Ld. Counsel of the Appellant submitted that as the Appellant has agreed to close the present Appeal case if the Public Authority provide the NOC along with copies of the application in respect of issuing of temporary permit of the Imphal – Ukhrul Road Zonal Association, he



has no further points to submit on the subject of request. However, he demanded the Public Authority to the authenticate/ certify the above documents stamped/ embossed with an Official seal.

In response, the Public Authority agreed to authenticate all the documents in the Office by today itself.

The Commission is of the view that the plea for compensation by the Ld. Counsel of the Appellant cannot be acceded to as the concerned Public Authority has provided all the required information to the Appellant.

As the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the Public Authority, no further proceeding is required.

Hence, the present Appeal case is closed.

Sd/-

(K. Radhashyam Singh)
State Chief Information Commissioner,
Manipur Information Commission.

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19.5.2025

(Lisham Premananda Singh)
Deputy Registrar (Judl. – II),
Manipur Information Commission

Copy to: -

1. The FAA/ Director, (Transport), Manipur.
2. The SPIO/ Dy. Director, (Transport), Manipur.
3. Thokchom Jilla Singh, # 9362276985.

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