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

Appeal Case No. 6 of 2025

K. Altab Ali

– Appellant

-vs-

The SPIO/ Director (SCERT), Govt. of Manipur & Anr. – Respondents

DECISION

Dated: 11.2.2025

The FAA and the SPIO are represented by Shri R.K. Kamal, OSD, Legal, SCERT 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 dated 14.10.2024 to the SPIO, Directorate of State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Government of Manipur and sought certain information regarding the selection of candidates for the admission in 1st year pre-service D.El.Ed. course for the academic session 2024-2026 (21st Batch). Getting no response from the SPIO within the mandated period, the Appellant filed his 1st Appeal application dated 21.11.2024 to the First Appellate Authority (FAA)/ Commissioner, SCERT on 22.11.2024. Thereafter, he filed his 2nd Appeal dated 20.1.2025 to this Commission on 21.1.2025 against the FAA and the SPIO for failure to provide the information.

Summary of the Hearing and Decision:

During the hearing, the Appellant submitted that he has received the complete information dated 6.2.2025 only after filing of the present 2nd Appeal and pressed for giving appropriate direction to the Public Authority to take optimum care while dealing with RTI matter.

The representative of the Respondents also clarified that as soon as the RTI application was received on 14.10.2024, the required information was sought from the concerned DIET Principals vide letter dated 28.10.2024 and, the information from the concerned Principals were received only recently. He apologizes for the delay in providing the information to the Appellant due to the time taken by the concerned Principals and their ignorance.

After hearing from both the parties and perusal of case records, the Commission takes serious view on the delay in providing the information to the Appellant. And, the Director, SCERT is directed to take measures for timely and effective dissemination of accurate information to the information seekers by organising trainings of the Officials on the provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

With the above observation and advise, the Appeal case is closed.

Announced in open Chamber.

Sd/-

(K. Radhashyam Singh)

State Chief Information Commissioner,
Manipur Information Commission.

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