

**MEGHALAYA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION,
SHILLONG.**

No. MIC/Complaint/1/2006

ORDER

6-9-2006:

Perused complaint dated 30-8-2006 received from Shri G.C.Momin, Modinagar, Tura, West Garo Hill. The complainant alleged that he has submitted an application under the RTI Act to the PIO, MBOSE, Tura. However, Shri J.D.Sangma, Director Administration, MBOSE, Tura refused to accept the application stating that MBOSE is not covered under the RTI Act, 2005. The Director Administration, MBOSE therefore instructed the complainant to submit the same to the Under Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, Education Department.

The matter has been inquired into and has it been found that the Department of Education, Meghalaya has notified the Chairman, MBOSE as the PIO in respect of the MBOSE. It is, therefore, very unfortunate that the Director Administration, MBOSE is ignorant of the fact and illegally refused acceptance of the complaint filed by the complainant. While ignorance of law is not an excusable thing, the Commission has taken a lenient view on the matter being the first instance, with a caution that such violation of law should not be repeated.

Send the complaint petition along with copy of the original application to the Chairman-cum-PIO, MBOSE. Let the PIO dispose of the application in accordance with the provisions of law within 20 days with intimation to the Commission.

**(G.P.Wahlang)
C.I.C.**