

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
OFFICE OF THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
MEGHALAYA::SHILLONG

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No. MIC/Complaint/11/2007/3

Dated Shillong, the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2007.

ORDER

19-12-2007 Perused Complaint petition dated 25-11-07 received from the Secretary Mahendreganj Daily Labour Union.

According to the complainant, he has applied for information to the BDO Zik-Zak C.D. Block, West Garo Hills District on 12-9-07 through registered Post along with the requisite application fee. However, he had not received any responds or reply to the above information request either from the BDO or the concerned PIO. The instant complaint therefore, has arisen out of refusal by the PIO to favour him with the information he requested even after the expiry of the mandatory period of 30/35 days.

This commission observed that the complaint petition dated 25-11-2007 contained only the initial/signature of the complainant above the word Secretary Mahendraganj daily Labour Union West Garo Hills, but not the name of the complainant in full. The same is also observed on the application for information dated 11-9.2007 submitted to the BDO concerned .

The Right to Information Act vide section 3 of the Act guarantees the right to information only to the citizens of India. Since every citizen of India has a name, therefore the act guaranties the right to information to the citizens of India by name. if does not make provision on giving information to Associations/Union etc., which are legal entitles or legal persons only, but not citizens. The present complainant has, in effect, given only his mailing address as Secretary Mahendraganj Daily Labour Union West Garo Hills without the name in full.

The complained petition is, therefore, invalid and hence rejected.

The complainant may make a fresh R.T.I. application to the P.I.O. if necessary, giving his name and address in full.

G.P.Wahlang I.A.S (Retd)  
Chief Information Commissioner

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Copy forwarded to:

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1. The B.D.O., P.O. Zik-Zak Development Block, West Garo Hills District.
2. Secretary, Mahendraganj Daily Labour Union, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya.

(P.T.Rani)  
Under Secretary  
State Information Commission  
Meghalaya, Shillong.

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