

(Constituted under the Mizoram Lokayukta Act, 2014)

Complaint No. : MLC- 57/2024

Date : <u>23.10.2024</u>

Coram : Lalmalsawma

Chairperson

Lalsanglura

Member

Joel Joseph Denga Member (Judicial)

ORDER

A complaint dated 1.4.2024 was filed in the Mizoram Lokayukta by Moses Lalvenhima, College Veng, Lawngtlai, alleging impropriety in the recruitment process for teachers under the Lai Autonomous District Council. The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mizoram was directed thereupon to conduct a Preliminary Enquiry into the complaint by passing Order dt.6.5.2024. The ACB registered ACB PE No.7/2024 dt.31.5.2024 and submitted the Enquiry Report to the Mizoram Lokayukta on 8.10.2024. The assertions of fact in the complaint and the Enquiry Report, inter alia, are as follows:

- Autonomous District Council, Education and Human Resources Department (M/S), referred to herein below as "the Department," on the basis of an advertisement published on 20.4.2022 by the Council. He appeared for a written examination conducted on 9th and 10th June, 2022 as part of the recruitment process.
- b) The marks obtained by the candidates in the written examination were tabulated on 28.7.2022 and then published by the Department vide a Notification dated 1.8.2022, declaring the candidates who had qualified for a personal interview to be held on 8.8.2022. The consolidated marks of the candidates for the Middle School Hindi Teacher post, assessed on the basis of the written examination and interview, were tabulated on 8.8.2022, and thereafter, vide a Notification dated 17.8.2022, the Department published a list of candidates recommended for appointment and a reserved panel.
- c) The complainant herein found his name in the reserved panel, while another person was recommended for the post of Middle School Hindi Teacher.

- d) The complainant submitted an RTI application on 19.9.2022 and was informed in response by the Department that he had stood first in the written examination for the post of Middle School Hindi Teacher and second in the personal interview.
- e) On 6.12.2022, the Department had requested permission from the Chief Executive Member (CEM), Lai Autonomous District Council, to "dispose" the answer papers of the written examination held on the 9th and 10th June, 2022, stating by way of reason thereof that a written examination had subsequently been conducted for other posts on 18th and 19th November, 2022. The answer papers were subsequently destroyed on 7.12.2022, ostensibly in exercise of authority vested in the CEM under the "Lai Autonomous District Council (Transaction of Business) Rules, 2013," (published vide Mizoram Gazette Notification No. C.31025/1/91-DCA/L dated 6.3.2014).
- 2. On scrutiny of the complaint and the Enquiry Report, it is seen that the complaint, prima facie, does not contain a clear allegation of corruption under Prevention of Corruption Act. However, the enquiry revealed lapses on the part of erring officials, warranting actions against them which the concerned office may take appropriate actions if deemed fit and necessary. Hence, as per provision of Section 19(3)(h) of the Mizoram Lokayukta Act, 2014, the Executive Secretary, Lai Autonomous District Council (CADC) is hereby directed to conduct Departmental Proceedings against:- 1) Pu F. Lalhmachhuana, EEO (M/S), LADC and 2) Pu George Lalawmpuia, CEO (M/S), LADC.
- 3. Accordingly, in terms of section 19(1) of the Mizoram Lokayukta Act, 2014, the case is hereby closed/disposed of. However, the complainant is at liberty to seek redressal from the appropriate authority for his grievance through other legal avenues such as filing a complaint to the Police or seeking judicial remedy in the Hon'ble High Court.

Sd/-LALMALSAWMA

Chairperson

Sd/-LALSANGLURA

Sd/-JOEL JOSEPH DENGA

Member

Member (Judicial)

Memo No. C.13017/57/2024-ML

Dated, Aizawl the 23rd October, 2024

Copy forwarded for information to:

- 1. The Chief Secretary/Chief Vigilance Officer, Aizawl, Mizoram
- 2. The Director, Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mizoram.
- 3. The Executive Secretary, Lai Autonomous District Council (CADC), Lawngtlai, Mizoram for necessary action.
- 4. Pu Moses Lalvenhima, College Veng, Lawngtlai, Mizoram. Mb.9612800331
- 5. Guard File.

(R. LALTHARLIANA)

Assistant Registrar Mizoram Lokayukta