



MIZORAM LOKAYUKTA
(Constituted under the Mizoram Lokayukta Act, 2014)

Complaint No. : MLC- 50/2023
Date : 2.07.2021
Coram : Lalmalsawma
Chairperson

Joel Joseph Denga
Member (Judicial)

In the matter of:

1. Pu D. Vanlalauva

General Secretary, Vigilance Department,
ZPM Party Thalai Hqtrs.

: Petitioner/Complainant

Versus

1. Pu Vanlalauva

Under Secretary,
Planning & Programme Implementation Dept.
Cum State Public Information Officer (SPIO)

: Respondent/OP

2. Dr. Lalrinchhana,

Principal Advisor-cum Addl. Secy.
Planning & Programme Implementation Dept.

: Respondent/OP

3. Er. Lalbiaksangi

Sr. EE, Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD

: Respondent/OP

4. Pu Lalramdinsanga Pachuau

JE, Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD

: Respondent/OP

5. Pu C. Rammuankima

Overseer, Aizawl Road South Division-I, MPWD

: Respondent/OP

ORDER

A written complaint dt.27.6.2023 was submitted by Pu D. Vanlalzaava, General Secretary, Vigilance Department, Zoram People's Movement Party Thalai, General Headquarters, Aizawl to the Chairperson, the Mizoram Lokayukta alleging misappropriation of fund for various works executed in Aizawl South I Assembly Constituency under SASCI/SASCE Scheme for which an amount of Rs 8.11 Cr was sanctioned. The Case was registered as MLC-50/2023.

The Mizoram Lokayukta directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mizoram to conduct a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) by passing Order Dt.05.07.2023. Thus, the ACB registered ACB PE No.6/2023 dt.26.07.2023 and appointed Pu Victor Zothansanga, Dy. SP, ACB as Enquiry Officer to conduct the PE. The PE Report was received by the Lokayukta on 18.11.2024.

Gist of allegations and points of Preliminary findings:

1. Under SASCE Scheme, Rs 8.11Cr was sanctioned for 3 (three) project works in Aizawl South I constituency vide No F.21014/11/2029-PLG Dt. 16.05.2023. The project works were sub-divided into various work components. It was alleged that there was misappropriation of funds, irregularities in the execution of the works, the execution of some works being not commensurate with project funds expended, and non-execution of works though fund was sanctioned, e.g. Construction of Concrete Pavement on College Veng Field to PUC to Bethlehem Vengthlang Kawn. It was also alleged that the works were supposed to be executed by the MPWD, but in reality the works were done by MNF Party workers.
2. During the course of the Enquiry, the Enquiry Officer (EO) examined the complainant, officials of the concerned Departments, i.e. Planning & Programme Implementation Department, GOM and Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD, GOM and recorded their statements. He also visited the Offices of the Planning & Programme Implementation Department, MINECO, Planning & Programme Implementation Department (Research & Development Branch,), Treasury Square and Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD, and collected relevant documents from these offices. He visited the places where the works were executed, i.e. ITI, College Veng, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Bethlehem Veng, Republic Veng, Republic Vengthlang, Venghlui and conducted an inspection of the works executed and also took pictures of the same.
3. The enquiry revealed that the works under SASCI Scheme within Aizawl South Constituency-1 were executed judiciously by the implementing agency ie Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD as below:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned by GOI (in Rs. Cr.)	Year	Name of Scheme	Implementing Department
1.	Construction of Bethlehem Vengthlang Internal Road & Venghlui Junction under SASCI 2022-2023	3.03	2022-2023	SASCI	PWD
2.	Construction of approached road to T. Romana College from ITI-Mualpui Road	2.15	2021-2022	SASCI	PWD
3.	Construction of Republic Veng-Mualpui Road at Aizawl under SASCI, 2022-2023	2.93	2022-2023	SASCI	PWD

The enquiry revealed that SI No. 3 is one project but the project covers two locations i.e. Aizawl South I and Aizawl South II. Project proposals of different Departments were scrutinized by the Project Selection of Planning & Programme Implementation Department and after obtaining approval of GOM, they were submitted to the Finance Department (SASCE/SASCI Nodal Department), which in turn put it up to Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance for approval and sanction.

4. a) Construction of Bethlehem Veng Internal Road and Venghlui Junction Improvement - This project is under the SASCI scheme. For this project Rs 3.03Cr was sanctioned and this project was broken-up into 17 (seventeen) work components. All these 17(seventeen) work components have been completed.

b) Construction of Approach Road to T.Romana College from ITI to Mualpui Road - This project is under the SASCE scheme and Rs 2.15 Cr was sanctioned for it. This project was broken-up into 22 (twenty two) work components of which 8 (eight) work components fall within Aizawl South I constituency and Rs 94.58 lakhs had been spent for it and the remaining 14 (fourteen) works components fall within Aizawl South II constituency. All the 22 (twenty two) work components have been completed.

c) Construction and Improvement of Republic Veng to Mualpui Road at Aizawl - This project is under the SASCI scheme and Rs 2.93 crores was sanctioned for it. This project was broken-up into 12 (twelve) work components of which only 3 (three) work components fall within Aizawl South I constituency. Rs 93.43 lakhs was spent for the 3 (three) work components and the works have been completed. The remaining 9 (nine) work components fall within Aizawl South II constituency.

5. The enquiry revealed that the allegations, i.e. misappropriation of fund under the SASCI Scheme, irregularities in the execution of the works where some works with the execution not being commensurate with the funds sanctioned and expended, could not be established as the various works undertaken under the Project were found to commensurate with the amount sanctioned. With regard to the allegation that the works which were to be executed by the work implementing agency i.e. MPWD were executed by MNF Party workers, the enquiry revealed that in view of the urgency of works, the Government of Mizoram approved the mode of execution by Spot Quotation and all the works were successfully executed within the stipulated period.

6. The enquiry further revealed that all the works executed were supervised by Pu Lalramdinsanga Pachuau, JE, Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD and Pu C. Rammuankima, Overseer, Aizawl Road South Division-I, MPWD under the overall supervision of Er. Lalbiaksangi, St. EE, Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD. After the works were successfully executed by the Contractors, Pu Lalramdinsanga Pachuau, JE, Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD and Pu C. Rammuankima, Overseer, Aizawl Road South Division-I, MPWD prepared bills which were later disbursed by Er. Lalbiaksangi, Sr. EE, Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD through cheques.

Furthermore, the assessment report submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Government of Mizoram vide the letter dated 2.2.2026, in respect of the works to which this case relates under the SASCI/SASCE Scheme in Aizawl South-I Assembly Constituency would

show that the amount actually spent was Rs. 4,33,10,107.84 against an estimated amount of Rs. 4,33,54,463.05, as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount as per Estimate (Rs.)	Amount as per Execution (Rs.)
1.	Construction and Improvement a of the Republic Veng to Mualpui Road (SASCI)	81,96,257.93	81,76,741.79
2.	Construction of an Approach Road to T. Romana College from the ITI to Mualpui Road (SASCE)	94,58,344.00	95,32,018.89
3.	Construction of an Internal Road at Bethlehem Veng and Improvement of the Venghlui Junction (SASCI)	2,56,99,861.12	2,56,01,347.16
Total		4,33,54,463.05	4,33,10,107.84

The amount actually spent for the execution of these works, therefore, fell short of the estimated and sanctioned amount by (Rs. 4,33,54,463.05 Rs. 4,33,10,107.84 =) Rs. 44,355.21, i.e. by around 0.1%. The report of the Preliminary Enquiry submitted by the ACB vide a letter dated 14.11.2024 would show that, due to urgency, the works were allotted on the basis of "Spot Quotations" under the overall supervision of Er. Lalbiaksangi, Sr. EE, Aizawl Road South Division, MPWD. In her statement recorded during the Preliminary Enquiry, the Sr. EE said that the MPWD did not have knowledge of the political affiliations of the contractors selected by the Spot Quotation process.

The Enquiry Officer himself came to the conclusion that allegations of misappropriation could not be established from the evidence collected, and suggested that the case be dropped. It is felt that the deviation from the estimated amount may be regarded as small, and attributable to inadvertencies in the execution and assessment.

Accordingly, in terms of Section 19(3)(c) of the Mizoram Lokayukta Act, 2014, after considering all the facts and circumstances of the case and materials available on record and in the light of findings and conclusions, it would be proper to hold that a prima facie case has not been established and we think that no further action is required, therefore, we hereby decide to close the case. Accordingly, the case stands closed.


(LALMALSAWMA)
Chairperson


(JOEL JOSEPH DENG)
Member (Judicial)

Memo No. C.13017/50/2023-ML/61

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Dated Aizawl, the July, 2026

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2. Petitioner/Complainant.
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(R. LALTHARLIANA)
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Mizoram Lokayukta