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Dated: 17.11.1998

To

Shri Buhas Chakma,
Director, Asian Indigenous &
Tribal Peoples Network,
Ashok Budha Vihar, Rajghat,
New Delhi- 110 002.Subject: Your complaint dated 6.11.98 & further references
dated 10.11.98, 16.11.1998.

Sir,

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The case above mentioned was placed before the
Commission on 17.11.1998 and where upon the Commission directed
as under :

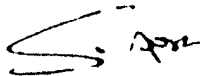
Perused the response of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The response of the State Government of Mizoram is still awaited. In his subsequent petition also, the petitioner has reiterated his prayer for a direction on the Union Home Ministry, the State Government of Mizoram and Election Commission of India to postpone the elections of Mizoram Assembly scheduled for 25th November or on their refusal to do so, to approach the Supreme Court so that the Range could exercise their right to vote and right to be elected.

The Home Ministry has indicated that the question of postponement of elections is entirely within the ambit of Election commission's powers and that so far as free exercise of voting rights are concerned "all possible security measures are being taken to ensure that the forthcoming Assembly Elections in Mizoram are free and fair and that the electorate is able to exercise their franchise in a free and fair manner. Additional security measures required for the conduct of elections have been firmed up in consultation with the Government of Mizoram, the Election Commission and the Intelligence Agencies and additional Central Para Military Forces for the purpose are being provided".

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The Commission on a consideration of the matter is of the view that it is entirely for the Election Commission of India to take a view in the matter. It would be inappropriate for the Commission to make any such suggestions. The petitioner is free to move the Election Commission or the Court in the matter."

Yours faithfully


Asstt. Registrar