

From the Chairman's desk

Greetings!!!! It sure has been a long time since I last posted my letter. I have just come back from attending a National conference in the Bhuj region of Gujarat. It was a wholesome experience and I am looking forward to a new financial year where the MPSC will introduce many changes.

First of all I would like to thank all my young friends who have honestly written to the MPSC where they have offered their views on a myriad of issues. I would like to mention some of them; one particularly brilliant communicator whose identity I will keep secret, has requested me to at least display the marks of the candidates who are in the Select List i.e. the successful candidates. This proposition by my young friend will definitely be reviewed keeping in mind of course the request made by many who do not wish the public to view their marks even if it is displayed roll number wise.

I also received request to reveal the cut off marks. My young friends I wish to inform that we do not really establish any cut off marks before any exams the reason being that the marks differ from time to time. Sometimes candidates do very well and sometimes they perform poorly and that is why the highest marks in the written examination/ screening test obtained by the candidates can sometimes range from 80% to 40 % .The cut off marks is as per the number of vacancies available as per the Reservation policy of the State of Meghalaya.

Some of my young friends enquired on the qualification prescribed in one of the advertisements to a particular post and I have responded and I dearly hope that he has received an explanation which will put all his doubts to rest.

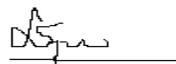
Many wanted the MPSC to display the scheduled of exams to help them be more prepared which I have readily agreed and I am working on it at the moment so we can up load the schedule before the end of the financial year.

There were those who visited me in my office room to seek clarification on various issues, one such visitor wanted to know why the names of people from the same family have been recommended as successful candidates. The visitor had also promptly filed an RTI seeking information on the same. In this regard and to maintain transparency of the Commission the RTI application has been processed immediately and a letter has been sent to the concerned successful candidates seeking their submission in writing or orally regarding whether the information should be disclosed, and such submission of the Third party shall be kept in view while taking a decision about disclosure of information. This has been done as per the procedure laid down in the RTI Act when information is sought concerning third party. A copy of this letter has also been sent to the RTI Applicant. The visitor also requested the names of the question setters, this however will not be accepted as the honorable courts have clearly stated in various judgments that the identity of the question setters needs to be protected.

I would also like to inform that I engaged myself in exam duty today for the very first time. During my inspection of the examination hall one candidate was very vocal about the question paper not being sealed individually like probably the way UPSC seals question papers, one of the Invigilators explained to him that the question papers were kept in a sealed cover and the seal was broken in front of the Chairman in the examination center. In future however I have directed my staff that the sealed covered envelopes maybe carried to the examination Hall and the seal of the envelope may be broken in front of the candidates in the hall instead of in one of the rooms in the examination centre.

In a lighter note, many wrote to wish us all the best in our future endeavours. For those who are supporting the new initiatives of the Meghalaya Public Service Commission I cannot thank you enough as we are very trying hard to instill confidence in the public with regard to the functioning of the Commission.

Yours etc...



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Chairman