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ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-435 /2024.

APPELLANT : Shri Ijip Taso Village Torajon, under Kangku Circle, PO/PS Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the Registrar Himalayan University Jollang, Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Ijip Taso, Village Torajon, under Kangku Circle, PO/PS Likabali for denial of below-mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the Registrar, Himalayan University Jollang, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 16.09.2024

Details of information required :

1. Furnish the name with proper designation of all the teaching and non teaching staffs (including administrators) of the Himalayan University.
2. Furnish total number of department with supporting documents like affiliation, Recognition from Bar Council, Nursing Council, RCI etc.
3. Furnish the details of salary in Figure and pay scale of every faculty.
4. Furnish the total number of Professors, their appointment order(s), Salary statement with name of the department of the Professors.
5. Furnish the total number of Associate Professors, their appointment order(s), Salary statement with name of the department.
6. Furnish the total number of scholars with their name and the name of their Guide / Supervisors with designation / status of the guide / Supervisor as he/she is Professor, associate Professor and Asst. professor in the department of Law and Economics.
7. Furnish the appointment letter of all the Professors and Associate Professors of your University.
8. Furnish the Name and the personal designation of the Board of Management as per "The Himalayan University, Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) Act 2012". (Act No. 6 of 2013) (Received the assent of the Governor on 8th May, 2013 and Published in the Arunachal Pradesh E.O. Gazette No. 83, Vol – XX dated 14th May, 2013.
9. Furnish the name and qualification of the Statutes of the Himalayan University which has been made by the Board of Management and the same has to be approved by the State Government (Cabinet) as per Himalayan University, Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) Act-2012.
10. Furnish the total number of existing Laboratory and also furnish the list of equipments available in the said laboratory.
11. Furnish the name of the persons/awardees that had been completed Ph.D From Himalayan University with their Enrolment No. and name of the department in all the existing department of the Himalayan University since its establishment to till date.
12. Furnish the letter and all the supporting documents submitted to UGC & AJU for reorganization and affiliation Under Section 2F and 12 Bof the UGC Act, 1956.

13. Furnish the name, qualification and appointment letter of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Joint Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Dean of the Himalayan University.
14. Furnish the name and qualification with appointment order (s) of the Examination Controller, Deputy Examination Controller and Asstt. Examination Controller of the Himalayan University.
15. Furnish the total number of enrollment with enrolment number and name of the students enrolled in the year 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in the department of Special B.Ed (Bachelor of Education) and to furnish affiliation letter rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)
16. As per the UGC guideline, each University must have a proper and hygienic canteen within their campus. Hence, furnish the name and photo of the person(s) and staffs who run the canteen and coloring photo of University canteen as per UGC guidelines.
17. Furnish the Reading material as given below :

Reading Materials	Information Required
3. Daily News Paper Hindi / English	1.Total Number of Daily News Paper with the name of daily news paper in Hindi/English.
2. Weekly Magazine	2.Total number of weekly magazine with name of the weekly magazine.
3.Fortnightly Magazine	3. Total number of Fortnight Magazine with the name of Fortnight Magazine
4.Monthly Magazine	4.. Total number of Monthly Magazine with the name of the Monthly Magazine
5.Quarterly Magazine	5. Total number of Quarterly Magazine with the name of the Quarterly Magazine

18. Furnish all the documents with proper CTC in each page.
19. Furnish and reply Acknowledgement letter to the applicant through register post as per above mentioned address.

Facts emerging from the appeal:

Records reveal that the Appellant did not receive the information sought by him from the PIO in view of which he approached the F.A.A, the Registrar-Cum-First Appellate Authority, Himalayan University, Jollang, Itanagar, AP under section 19(1) of the RTI Act vide Memo of Appeal dated 28.10.24.

Having failed yet again to obtain the information, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before this Commission vide Memo of Appeal dated 06.12.24 under section 19(3) of the RTI Act.

Hearing and decision:

This appeal was, accordingly, heard for 4(four) times on 07.03.2025, 24.10.2025, 19.11.2025 and 06.02.2026.

On 24.10.2025 this Commission considered the written replies of the PIO vide letter dt.21.04.2025 and the appellant's complaint thereagainst vide letter dated 10th Sept, 2025 and also the PIO's subsequent written submission/ replies dt.22.10.2025.

This Commission then, after hearing Shri S.K.Sharma, the Ld. Counsel for the PIO who was present in person and the appellant who appeared through VC, and upon finding that the replies to the RTI queries of the appellant were not furnished point-wise, directed the PIO to furnish specific information/replies to each query of the

appellant in a tabular form and with the cogent reasons for those points / queries the replies to which are denied as mandated by the provisions of section 7(8)(i) of the RTI Act, 2005. The appeal was, thus, adjourned to 19.11.2025.

On 19.11.2025, this Commission, upon hearing the appellant, Shri Ijip Taso and the PIO, Shri K. Bagra, Dy. Rgr. and also the Ld. Counsel for the PIO, Shri S.K. Sharma through VC from Delhi and after perusing the replies furnished by the PIO in tabular form vis-à-vis the queries against which the replies have been denied, noticed that the PIO has wrongly denied the information in respect of the following queries :

- a) *the appointment letter of all Professor and Associate Professor the university;*
- b) *the name of the persons/ awardees that had been completed their Ph.D;*
- c) *the total number of enrollments with enrollment and name of the students and enrolled in the year 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in the department of special B.Ed (Bachelor of Education) and*
- d) *the affiliation letter to RCI.*

This Commission, thus, finding that the aforementioned information can not be treated as third party information and therefore, are not covered by any of the exemption clauses under section 8 (1), more specifically, clause (j) as claimed by the PIO, directed the PIO to furnish the above information. The PIO was also directed to furnish the copy of approval letter from the UGC & AIU for recognition and affiliation under section 2F and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, the copy of Arunachal Pradesh Gazette notification on the enactment of the Himalayan University Act. The list of Laboratory Equipments were also directed to be provided to the appellant.

The PIO was, thus, directed to comply with the above direction within 3(three) weeks from date of receipt of this Commission's order dt.21.11.2025 but the appellant, vide letter dt.16.12.2025 complained that the PIO did not comply with the direction of this Commission. This Commission, taking serious note of non-compliance of order dt. 21.11.2025 by the PIO despite assurance by him during the hearing on 19.11.2025 directed him to furnish the left out information to the appellant and report compliance thereof to this Commission on 6th February, 2026 making it clear that if he still fails to comply with the order, this Commission shall be constrained to initiate penal action prescribed under section 20 of the RTI Act against the PIO.

Today on 06.02.2026, the appellant, Shri Ijip Tasso is absent who informed that he will not be able to attend the hearing due to medical issue. But the PIO, Shri Kido Bagra is present with the left out documents/information.

This Commission perused the left out documents/information brought in by the PIO which are found adequate and complete as per the queries of the appellant in his RTI application requiring no further adjudication of the appeal in the Commission. Since the appellant is absent, the documents/information shall be retained with the Commission and shall be handed over to the appellant in due course.

In the premises as above this appeal is disposed of and closed.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 6th February, 2026.

Sd/-
(S. TSERING BAPPU)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 435/2024 /1071

Dated Itanagar, the 10 Feb., 2026

Copy to:

1. The Registrar, Himalayan University Jollang, Itanagar, AP the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information.
2. The PIO, the Deputy Registrar Himalayan University Jollang, Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh for information.
3. Shri Ijip Taso Village Torajon, under Kangku Circle, PO/PS Liklabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, Mobile No. 7002073570 for information.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
5. Office copy.
6. S/Copy.

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