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RIGHT TO INFORMATION

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005.
Vide Case No. APIC- 639/A/2025

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

(Summon to appear in person)
(Or. 5. R.3 of CPC)

Appellant: Shri Takar Jamoh -V/S- PIO-Cum- DC, Namsai

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SUMMON NOTICE.

The 2nd hearing was held on **8th December, 2025** related to the **APIC No-639/A/2025 (Appeal).** PIO present through VC and the appellant is present in person. The appellant stated that he submitted an RTI application seeking information relating to the procedure for obtaining a Permanent Residential Certificate (PRC) in Namsai District and the status of his own PRC application. The RTI contains specific queries requesting:

List of documents required for PRC,

- Whether APST persons from other districts may apply,
- Copies of notifications, if any,
- Verification of documents submitted by the Appellant,
- Whether any deficiencies exist in his PRC application.
- Reasons and official noting pertaining to the re-verification of Shri Takar Jamoh's PRC (Ref: NMS/JS/TJamoh/2025/183 dated 11.04.2025).
- Name list of persons issued PRCs in Namsai District during 2024 and 2025.
- Names of PRC applicants whose applications were redirected for re-verification despite following official procedures.

The PIO did not furnish a satisfactory reply within the stipulated time under Section 7(1) of the RTI Act.

The Commission observes that the information sought by the Appellant is factual and record-based, and falls squarely within the definition of "information" under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.

These queries do not seek the opinion, interpretation, or justification of the public authority. They seek:

- Copies of existing documents,
- Whether certain documents exist or not,
- Status of verification,
- Whether deficiencies were recorded by the department.

Such information, if available in the official records, must be provided.

The Commission further notes that even in matters relating to processing of an individual's own application (here, PRC), the citizen is entitled to know the status of documents submitted by him and any deficiencies recorded by the authority. This is consistent with the principles of transparency under the RTI Act.

The request for the **name list of PRC holders** and **re-verification applicants** pertains to **third-party personal information**, which is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) unless larger public interest is established. The appellant has not demonstrated any overriding public interest that would justify disclosure of personal details of other individuals.

- **Section 3:** Citizens have the right to access information held by public authorities.
- **Section 8(1)(j):***Personal information* which has no relationship to public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy, is exempted from disclosure unless a larger public interest justifies it.

- **Section 11:** If information relates to a third party, the authority must seek consent before disclosure.

In exercise of powers under Section 19(8)(a)(i) of the RTI Act, the Commission hereby directs the PIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Namsai, to:

Provide a point-wise reply to all RTI queries (a) to (i), except j &k based strictly on the records available.

Provide certified copies of any orders, notifications, or guidelines asked for in the RTI application, if such records exist.

Clarify, with reference to available files,

- whether the Appellant has submitted the documents mentioned in the application,
- whether verification by HGB/GB and recommendation by Local Administrative Office is recorded,
- whether the original PRC surrender certificate is received, and whether any deficiencies are noted in the file and provide the list of deficit documents, if any.

Supply the above information within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, free of cost, under Section 7(6) of the RTI Act.

File a compliance report before the Commission within 21 days.

The PIO is hereby cautioned that future non-compliance with timelines may invite penalty proceedings under Section 20 of the RTI act.

The Commission adjourned the hearing and fixed next date of hearing on **04/02/2026 at 2 PM.**

NB:** To avail online hearing download "**WEBEX MEETING APP"** from Google play store. For further assistance may contact **Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant/Programmer (Mobile No.8319014957).** **Please notify or get in touch at least one day prior to the hearing.

Sd/-
(Khopey Thaley)
State Information Commissioner
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo. No. APIC-639/A /2025 / 863 **Dated Itanagar, the ..10.. December, 2025**

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1. *PIO-Cum-O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Namsai, District:- Namsai, Pin Code:-792103, Arunachal Pradesh for kind information.*
2. *Shri* Takar Jamoh, Bank Tinali, Near Head Post Office, PO/PS:- Itanagar, District:- Papum Pare, *Pin Code:- 791110, Arunachal Pradesh for kind information.* ***Contact No-7005670629.***
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