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ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
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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 19 (nineteen) point 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.

This appeal was heard 3(three) times on 07.03.2025, 24.10.2025 and 19.11.2025.

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 the Ld. Counsel for the PIO who was present in person and the appellant who appeared through VC, and 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 today on 19.11.2025.

Today, both the appellant, Shri Ijip Taso and the PIO, Shri K.Bagra, Dy.Rgr. are present in person. The Ld. Counsel for the PIO, Shri S.K.Sharma is also present through VC from Delhi.

In compliance with this Commission's direction, the PIO has brought in the requested information point wise and in tabular form which are reproduced hereunder:

"Respected Sir,

In Compliance with the order dated 24.10.2025 passed by this Hon'ble Commission, the following information is being submitted in tabular form for kind consideration of this Hon'ble Commission: -

S.No	PARTICULARS OF INFORMATION	REMARKS
1	<i>Furnish the name with proper designation of all the teaching and non-teaching staffs (including the administrators) of the Himalayan University.</i>	<i>List of Faculty and Administration staff is the attached herewith as Annexure-A</i>
2	<i>Furnish total Number of departments with supporting documents like affiliation, recognition from Bar Council, Nursing Council, RCI etc</i>	<i>Information already Provided to the Appellant</i>

S.No	PARTICULARS OF INFORMATION	REMARKS
3	<i>Furnish the details of salary in figure and Pay Scale of every faculty</i>	Denied. The information relates to third-party personal data and is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of RTI Act, 2005.
4	<i>Furnish the total number of Professors, their appointment order(s), appointment order (S), Salary statement with name of department of the Professors.</i>	List of faculties already attached herewith the present reply. The remaining information relates to third parties and is denied under section 8(1)(j)
5	<i>Furnish the total number of Associate Professors their appointment order(s), appointment order (S), Salary statement with name of department</i>	List of faculties already attached herewith the present reply. The remaining information relates to third parties and is denied under section 8(1)(j)
6	<i>Furnish the total number of scholars with their name and name of their Guide/ supervisors with designation/ status of the guide/ supervisors as he is Professor, Associate Professor and Asst. in the department of law and Economic.</i>	List of faculties already attached herewith present reply. The remaining information relates to third parties and is denied under section 8(1)(j)
7	<i>Furnish the appointment letter of all Professor and Associate Professor of your university,</i>	Denied. The information relates to third party personal data and is exempted under section 8(1)(j) of RTI Act, 2005.
8	<i>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 14 May, 2013.</i>	Information already provided to the appellant.
9	<i>Furnish the name and Qualification of the statute 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.</i>	Information already provided to the appellant.
10	<i>Furnish the total number of existing Laboratory and also furnish the list of equipment available in the said laboratory.</i>	Information already provided to the appellant.

11	Furnish the name of the persons/ awardees that had been completed their Ph.D from Himalayan University with their Enrollment No. and name of the department in all the existing department of the Himalayan University since its establishment to till date.	Denied. The information relates to third-party personal data and is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act,2005..
12	Furnish the letter and all the supporting documents submitted to UGC & AIU for recognition and affiliation under section 2F and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.	Information already provided to the appellant.
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.	List of faculties already attached herewith the present reply and the name of the Chancellor, vice chancellor - Prof Dr Prakash Divakaran and other persons information already provided to the appellant. List of faculties and administrative staff already attached herewith the present reply. The remaining information relates to third parties and is denied under section 8(1)(j).
14	Furnish the Name and qualification with appointment order(s) of the examination Controller, Deputy Examination controller and Asst. Examinations controller of the Himalayan University.	List of faculties and administrative staff already attached herewith the present reply. The remaining information relates to third parties and is denied under section 8(1)(j).
15	Furnish the total number of enrollments with enrollment number 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 to furnish affiliation letter to rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)	Denied. The information relates to third-party personal data and is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act,2005.
16	As per the UGC guideline, each University must have a proper and hygienic canteen within their campus. Hence, furnish the name of the person(s) and staffs who run the canteen and Coloring photos of university canteen as per UGC guidelines.	Photo of the Canteen is attached herewith the present reply and name of the person managing the canteen -Mr. Narayan Maiti (Canteen Manager) s/o Bishnu Podo Maiti.

17	Furnish the Reading material as given below:		Information already provided to the appellant.
	Reading materials	Information required	
	Daily newspaper Hindi/English	Total number of daily newspapers with the name of daily newspaper in Hindi/English.	
	Weekly magazine.	Total number of weekly magazine with the name of the weekly magazine.	
	Fortnightly Magazine.	Total number of fortnight magazine with the name of the fortnight magazine.	
	Monthly Magazine.	Total number of monthly magazine with the name of the monthly magazine.	
	Quarterly magazines	Total number of quarterly Magazine with the name of the quarterly magazine.	
18	Furnish all the documents with proper CTC in Provided		Provided
19	<p>Furnish and reply Acknowledgement letter to appellant through register post as per above mentioned address.</p> <p>i) Nature & subject matter of the Information required: - information hide by the concerned PIO.</p> <p>ii) Name of the officer or Department to which the information relates: - PIO, Himalayan University, Jollang, Arunachal Pradesh.</p>		Information already provided to the applicant.

The Respondent relies upon the following judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and various High Courts:

1. Kerala Public Service Commission vs State Information Commission, Civil Appeal Nos. 823-854 of 2016
2. Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India vs Subhash Chandra Agarwal, Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010
3. Ryan International School vs Central Information Commission & Ors, W.P.(C) No. 8984/2019

4. *CBSE vs Mohd. Naushadudin & Ors, WP(C) 1051/ 2017 along with University of Delhi vs Mohd. Irsad & Ant, W.P.(C) 1077/2017, University of Delhi vs R.K. Jain & Ant, W.P.(C) 1091/2017, and University of Delhi vs Sanjay Singh & Anr, W.P.(C) 1095/2017.*

In the above judgments, the Hon'ble Courts have consistently held that marks, grades, answer sheets, and similar academic records, as well as personal information of employees, are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sd/-

Public Information Officer

Himalayan University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Date: 14.11.2025

Place: Itanagar."

This Commission heard the parties.

The PIO reiterated that the appellant has been provided with the requested information/documents earlier also except those exempted under section 8 (1)(j) of the TTI Act. The appellant, on the other hand submitted that he was not provided with satisfactory replies or was not provided any reply at all to some of the queries by wrongly citing the exemption clause. The Ld. Counsel for the PIO, however, contested that the PIO had rightly denied some of the information under section 8(1) (j) as being the third party information and in terms of the principle of law settled by the Apex Court and the High Courts, the citations of which are incorporated in the reply of the PIO.

This Commission, upon perusal of the queries against which the replies have been denied, notices 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 finds 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. The PIO is, therefore, directed to furnish the above information.

In addition, 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 and the list of Laboratory Equipments shall be provided to the appellant as assured to by the PIO.

The PIO shall comply with the above direction within 3(three) weeks from date of receipt of this order and the appellant is also directed to go through the replies now being furnished and also the abovementioned replies to be furnished by the PIO and report the receipt thereof within 1(one)week from the date of receipt of the replies.

This appeal is disposed of with the above direction

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 21st Nov., 2025.


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

Memo No. APIC- 435/2024 / 734

Dated Itanagar, the 21 Nov., 2025

Copy to:

1. The Registrar, Himalayan University Jollang, Itanagar, AP the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for ensuring compliance by the PIO information and compliance.
2. The PIO, the Deputy Registrar Himalayan University Jollang, Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh for information and compliance.
3. Shri Ijip Taso Village Torajon, under Kangku Circle, PO/PS Likhabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, Mobile No. 7002073570 for information and further follow-up action.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
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APIC, Itanagar

Deputy Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission