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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.

(Summon to appear)

(Or.5, R.3 of CPC)

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/SUMMON

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 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, 20182019, 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. As agreed to and assured by the PIO, 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 were also directed to be provided to the appellant.

The PIO was directed to comply with the above direction within 3(three) weeks from date of receipt of this Commission's order dt.21.11.2025 and the appellant was also directed to go through the replies furnished by the PIO 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 Commission is now in receipt of letter dt.16.12.2025 from the appellant complaining that the PIO did not comply with the direction of this Commission. The extract of appellant's letter is as under:

"Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I would like to request and intimate your good office for necessary action please. That, on 21" day of Novemebr 2025, the 4th hearing against PIO cum Deputy Registrar, Himalayan University, Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh has been conducted in your court regarding not furnishing of documents as sought in Form A. Hence, as per judgment order dated 21" day of November 2025, Memo No APIC-435/2024/734 the concerned PID has been directed to furnish the documents within 3(Three) weeks from the date of judgment Le on or before 13 day of December, 2025. However, the concerned PID has failed to comply or follow the direction given by this Hon'ble Court. Hence, your honor may please to continue the above cited case and prayer to invoking the Section 20 (1)(2), RTI Act 2005 against the concerned PIO for non-compliance of an order dated 21 day of November 2025, Mema No APIC-435/2024/734 for the interest of justice.

Therefore, with folded hands, we highly solicit your good office to continue the hearing pertaining the Case No APIC-435/2024 and please to invoke Section 20 (1)(2), RTI Act 2005 against the concerned PIO; I shall be highly obliged to you and your altruistic gesticulation.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-

Shri Ijip Taso, Appellant"

The non-compliance of this Commission's order dt.21.11.2025 by the PIO despite assurance by the PIO during the hearing on 19.11.2025 has been taken seriously by this Commission. This non-compliance of the order amounts to blatant disrespect to this Commission and the RTI regime attracting penal action under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is, therefore, directed to furnish the left out information to the appellant and report compliance thereof to this Commission on 6th February, 2026 failing which this Commission shall be constrained to initiate penal action prescribed under section 20 of the RTI Act against the PIO.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 22.12.2025.

You are hereby summoned to appear in person or online in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal TseringBappu, SIC in person on the 6th February, 2026 (Friday) at 2 pm to answer the claims, and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your claims/defense.

NOW THEREFORE, take notice that, in default of your appearance, on the day above- mentioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

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

Memo No. APIC- 435/2024

1783 Dated Itanagar, the 22 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 Liklabali, 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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