ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005.
Vide Case No. APIC-513/2025

Shri Tai Sochang -V/S- PIO-O/O-APPSC, Itanagar, P/Pare District

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ORDER

The 1st hearing held on **15th day of October' 2026'** related to the **APIC No-513/A/2026**. The Appellant Shri Tai Sochang is present during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-Deputy Secretary (Mrs. Rani Perme), office of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC), Itanagar, Papumpare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is present during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant stated that the PIO has provided the information pertaining to Serial No. 2 of his Form-A but the information pertaining to Serial Nos. 1 and 3 have not been provided to him till now.

Heard the PIO;

The PIO stated that the academic degree of the candidate selected in Junior Engineer (JE) RWD, WRD and Hydropower have not been reflected in the result notification which was in fact reflected in the Assistant Engineer (AE) result notification. Regarding the information sought under S/No. 3 of the Form-A of the Appellant, the information sought is investigative in nature and not clear as to what information the Appellant is seeking and so the office of the PIO could not provide the information as applied by the Appellant, but the fact remains that, the Recruitment Rules (RR) and syllabus are provided by the concerned departments for which we conduct the examination/interview.

After hearing both the parties, the Commission hereby observes;

1. The information for S/No. 2 of the Form-A of the Appellant is a case which is not exempted under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI, Act, 2005 because the information sought is of utmost public interest and a right to be known by a competitor, as the Appellant himself appeared in the same examination, therefore, the Appellant has the right to be made known about the degree of the selected individual(s), if they are duly qualified with the same degree/qualification as prescribed by the APPSC. Whereas, the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) has displayed the education degree for all the selected candidates in the Assistant Engineer (AE) result notification, but have missed out the same in the JE selection in the result notification,
2. Regarding the information sought under S/No. 3 the Commission opine that it is a matter under the enclosures of the Recruitment Rules (RR) for selecting in the respective posts, therefore, the APPSC does not have any hand, and so is not answerable to the information as sought in the Form-A of the Appellant in Serial No. 3, on the face of the words, used exactly.

Under the above observation, the Commission hereby pass the below orders;

i) The PIO to provide the Appellant with the education degree of the selected candidates for the Junior Engineer (JE) on or before the next hearing and to be present in the next hearing without fail, failing which, necessary action as per the provisions of RTI, Act, 2005 will be initiated against the PIO.

ii) The Appellant to contact the office of the PIO in person to collect the information from the PIO as and when the office of the PIO intimate him that the information are ready to be furnished to the Appellant.

iii) The Appellant to be present in the next hearing without fail, failing which, the Commission will presume that the PIO has provided him the information, and therefore, this appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte, by way of disposing this appeal.

iv) Notice for the next hearing need not be served unto both the parties as both the parties are present today.

The Commission hereby orders;

The next date for hearing be fixed on 12th day of January' 2027 at 2:00 PM (Evening).

N.B:- To avail online hearing please at least notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, download **"WEBEX MEETING APP"** from Google Play store. For further technical assistance may contact **Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957).**

It is so ordered on this 15th day of October, 2026 at 02:30 PM.

Sd/-
(Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo. No. APIC-513/A/2026 /1060 **Dated Itanagar, the 16 October 2026**

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