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RIGHT TO INFORMATION

# ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
## ITANAGAR.

**Complaint Case U/S 18(1) of RTI Act, 2005**
**Case No. APIC-23/C/2026.**
**(Summon to appear in person)**
**(Or.5, R.3 of CPC)**

**APPELLANT** : Shri Likha Talo, Old Pistana Circle, Kayi Panyor, Yachuli.
**RESPONDENT** : The PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Keyi Panyor, Yachuli.

## ORDER/SUMMONS

This is a complaint under Section 18(1) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Likha Talo for non furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Keyi Panyor District as sought for by him under section 18(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 25.05.2026.

**A) Particular of information:** regarding Peon/ Contractual/ UDC/ LDC/ WC T/ WC R/ Drivers/ Chowkidar of all MTS Post.

**B) Details of information required**:

1. Furnish appointment order copies.
2. Furnish class X pass certificate copies.
3. Furnish joining report copies.
4. Furnish advertisement copies.
5. Furnish DPC copies.
6. Furnish seniority list copies.

**C) Period from which information asked for: 2018 to till date**

**Brief facts emerging from the appeal and decision :**

Brief facts emerging from the complaint in question are that the complainant, Shri Likha Talo, vide his application dt. 25.05.2026, had requested the PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Keyi Panor District, Yachuli for the aforementioned information / documents in response to which the PIO, Shri Likha Teji, APCS, vide his letter dt.30.07.2026 (as reproduced hereunder), denied the requested information as being exempted u/s-8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

*"Shri Likha Talo*
*General Secretary of RTI Activist Association*
*Keyi Panyor District.*
*Sonam Lishi*
*IPR Secretary.*
*Village Pania*
*P.O/P.S. Deed/Yachuli,*
*Keyi Panyor District*
*Arunachal Pradesh-8131819027/7005883970*
*Subject: Furnishing of information sought under RTI,*

*sir,*

*It is to inform you that information sought vide your application dated 25/05/2026 under RTI ACT 2005 regarding furnishing of 1. Copy of Appointment order 2. Furnishing of class X Pass Certificate 3. Furnishing of joining report copies 4. Furnishing Advertisement Copies 5. Furnishing Of DPC Copies and Furnishing seniority Copies as per submitted by you.*

*However, all information sought by you in SI NO. 1,2,3,5,6 cannot be shared or provided under the provision of section 8(1)(j) of the Right to information Act 2005 accordingly.*

*Sd/-*
*(Likha Tejji) APCSC(PIO)*
*For Deputy Commissioner*
*Keyi Panyor District,*
*Yachuli..*"

**Hearing and decision**:

This complaint was, accordingly, registered as APIC-23/C/2026 and listed for hearing on 23.09.2026 wherein the complainant, Shri Likha Talo was present in person but the PIO did not appear.

This Commission, after hearing the complainant and explaining him about the provisions of section 18 under which no direction can be passed by the Information Commission for furnishing information other than imposing penalty on the PIO, if found to have violated the provisions of RTI Act., he desired to have the complaint converted into appeal under section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

This complaint under section-18 was, hence, converted to appeal under section 19 (3) and accordingly, listed on 30.10.2026 and in the interim, the PIO was directed to furnish the requested information to the complainant (hereinafter referred to as appellant) and report the compliance thereof on the date of hearing.

Today on 30.10.26, the appellant is present in person while the PIO is represented by Shri Biri Paiya, Dealing Assistant, o/o the Dy. Commissioner, Keyi Panyor.

Heard the appellant, who submitted that as against his request for 5(five) point information/documents from the PIO, he was furnished with only one i.e the copy of advertisement (Sl.No.4) but rest of the documents were denied by the PIO vide his letter dt.30.07.2026 (supra) which is not justified. He, therefore, demanded penal action against the PIO for violation of the provisions of RTI Act.

This Commission perused the PIO's letter dt.30.07.2026 by which the documents sought for by the appellant at SI NO. 1,2,3,5,6 of his application were denied as being exempted under section 8(1)(j) of the Right to information Act 2005.

This Commission notices that denial of copies of class X pass certificate of the persons appointed to the posts Peon/ Contractual/ UDC/ LDC/ WC T/ WC R/ Drivers/ Chowkidar of all MTS was justified as being personal information of third parties which is exempted under section-8(1)(j) of the RTI Act,2005, as amended by the Digital Personal Data Protection Act,2023 (No.22 of 23) which came into force w.e.f November, 2025.

The amended provision of section-8(1)(j) reads as under:

*"8(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, there shall be no obligation to give any citizen,-*

*(a).....*
*(b)....*
*(c )....*
*(d)....*
*(e )....*
*(f )....*
*(g)...*
*(h)...*
*(i)...*

***(j) information which relates to personal information;".***

In view of the provisions of section-8(1)(j) as above, this Commission concludes that the denial of the copies of Class-X pass certificates of the persons appointed to various categories of post was consistent with the law and therefore, this Commission endorses the decision of the PIO. However, as regards rest of the documents, such as appointment order copies, joining report copies, DPC copies etc, this Commission is not in a position to accept the denial thereof inasmuch those documents, as held in various judicial pronouncements of Apex Court and High Courts, pertain the public service. This Commission, therefore, directs the PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Keyi Panyor District to furnish those documents to the appellant. However, if the DPC minutes contain confidential reports, those portion can not be disclosed in terms of section-8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO shall comply with the direction at right earnest and compliance report thereof on 20.11.2026 and the appellant shall, thereafter, within 1(one) week of the receipt of the documents, intimate this Commission of the receipt of the documents failing which this appeal shall stand closed without further notice.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 30th Oct., 2026.

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

**Memo No. APIC- 23/C//2026/978 Dated Itanagar, the 3rd Nov, 2026**

Copy to:-

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Keyi Panyor District, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.
2. The PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Keyi Panyor District PIN: 791120 for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.
3. Shri Likha Talo, Old Pistana Circle, Kayi Panyor PIN: 791120 Mobile No. 7005883970/ 8413932845 for information and compliance.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
5. Office copy.
6. S/copy.

**Registrar/ Deputy Registrar**
**APIC, Itanagar**

Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar