## ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, (APIC)

AGAIL ARONACHAL FRADESH

An apple case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act. 2005 Vide Case No.APIC-291/2021.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI GOTO ETE, THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

Shri Ram Veo Rayo Colony, PO-Nirjuli Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh.

..... Appellant.

## -VERSUS-

R.N Singh (PIO-cum-Jt. Director) RWD O/o the Chief Engineer (Co-ord) RWD Itanagar, P/Pare District, Govt. of A.P.

...... Respondent.

## Judgment/Order: 03.03.2022.

## JUDGMENT/ORDER

Appellant Ram Veo is present. PIO-cum-Joint Director, RWD, Itanagar, O/o the Chief Engineer(Co-ord), R.N Singh is also present along with all third parties namely:-

- 1) Lobu Gumja,
- 2) Marter Ronya,
- 3) Tamche Wadle,
- 4) Dinesh Kumar R,
- 5) Simi Borah,
- 6) Rinu Mili.

Heard the appellant. I have also heard the PIO. The PIO admitted the fact that appointment made to all third parties are public posts and the process of recruitment made in respect of all third parties are public activities. According to him the education qualification of the third parties have been sought as per requirement of the law for appointment to the respective posts. I have also heard all third parties present. According to them they admitted to have refused for furnishing of their education qualification as categories of information exemption under Clause (i) of sub-section (1) of Section 8 of the RTI Act. In this context the related provision of the RTI Act has been provided in Clause (j) of sub-section (1) of Section 8 have been explained to the third parties. During the course of hearing third parties also admitted the fact that the posts in which they have been appointed are all public posts and the recruitment process under taken by the Department for appointment to the posts are public activities. Relevant content of Clause (j) of sub-section (1) of Section 8 is reads as quoted: " information which relates to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer or the appellate authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information". But in the present case the PIO as well as the third parties have admitted the fact that the posts in which they have been appointed and the

recruitment process undertaken by department for appointment to the respective posts are public activities.

In view of above facts and circumstances I find that the exemption as claimed by the third parties of the provisions of clause (j) of sub-section (1) of Section 8 is not applicable in their case. That is to say, that the information sought by the appellant against item No. 4 of his application under Form-A is not exempted from disclosure. And, therefore, PIO is directed to furnish all information sought in item No. 4 of the application under Form-A to the appellant within 15 (fifteen) days from today.

Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court of the Commission. Each copy of this formal order of disposal of the appeal be furnished to the parties and to the PIO in particular for compliance of this order.

> Sd/-(Goto Ete) State Information Commissioner Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar.

Memo.No.APIC-291/2021/ ヺヺヺ Copy to:

Dated Itanagar, the .04. April' 2022.

- 1. Shri Ram Veo, Rayo Colony, PO-Nirjuli, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information please.
- 2. R.N Singh, Joint Director, RWD, O/o the Chief Engineer(Co-ord) RWD, Itanagar, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for information please.
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