

**NAGALAND INFORMATION COMMISSION
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KOHIMA- 797001**

No. NIC/Appeal-52/2010/

Dated Kohima, the 16th December, 2010.

Appellant : Smti. Zavekholu Epao
Resident of Kenuozou
Hill Colony, Kohima.

Respondent : Nagaland Public Service Commission
Public Authority Kohima.

**Date of Hearing - 4.8.2010
10.11.2010**

Date of Decision - 16.12.2010

Present - Appellant Smti. Zavekholu Epao

PIO Smti. Asangla Imti ,NPSC

Facts

The Commission received an Appeal under Section 19 (3) of the RTI Act 2005 from Smti. Zavekholu Epao on 19.7.2010 stating that she had appealed to the 1st Appellate Authority of the NPSC on 24.6.2010 as the PIO of the NPSC had only furnished 2 documents out of 9 items of information sought in her RTI Application dated 12.4.2010. She stated that of the 2 items of information given by the PIO, one was a misleading document and the other incomplete. The Appellate Authority had on 28.6.2010 given decision that (1) Copy of the letter written to Post Master for dispatch of Answer Script to the examiner for NCS, NPS & Allied Services 2008 and Lecturers Recruitment Examination 2008 and (2) Extract Copy of the Revenue Register of NCS, NPS & Allied Services 2008 and Lecturers Recruitment Examination 2008, cannot be given as they fall under exemptions covered by section 8 (1) (d) and (e) of the Act.

During the hearing on 4.8.2010, the appellant stated that (1) since examination is over the letter of the Controller of Examinations NPSC to Post Master - showing names of examiners should be given.

2. The extract of the Revenue Register should be furnished.

The Public Information Officer NPSC and also the Secretary of the NPSC submitted that the names of the examiners is to kept confidential as it would undermine the Competitive examination system if the same are disclosed. They also

submitted that the Revenue Register, dealing with the examination is treated as confidential and should not be disclosed.

On 10.11.2010 the Commission examined the Revenue Register which was produced by the Controller of Examinations, NPSC Ms Kavili Jakhlu in person as directed. The Commission found that the "Revenue Register" contained only the Roll Nos. and names of the candidates and name of the tribe of each Candidate for the NCS, NPS and Allied Services Examinations 2008, which are not of confidential nature, and the disclosure of such information will not undermine the confidentiality of the Competitive Examination.

Decision

The Commission decides that

- (1) The copy of the letter written to the Post Master Kohima with names of examiners may not be furnished as disclosure of names of examiners will undermine the confidentiality of the examination system and process.
- (2) The extract of the Revenue Register containing the Roll Nos. and names of the candidates for the NCS, NPS and Allied Services Examination 2008 should be furnished by the PIO, NPSC, duly authenticated/ attested, to the appellant within 10 (Ten) days from the date of pronouncement of this decision, , under intimation to the Commission.

Pronounced in open proceedings today.

Copies be given to the Parties.

Copy be sent to:

1. The Secretary, Nagaland Public Service Commission, Kohima.
2. The Controller of Examination, NPSC, Kohima.

Sd/-

P. Talitemjen Ao, IAS (Rtd)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Nagaland

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Rev.Dr. W. Pongsing Konyak
State Information Commissioner,
Nagaland

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