FILE No. OM-73/2005.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 27 of the Right to Information Acts, 2005 (Act No. 22 of 2005), the Government of Arunachal Pradesh hereby makes the following rules to amend the Arunachal Pradesh Right to Information Rules, 2005, namely:

1. Short title and commencement :-
   (1) These rules may be called the Arunachal Pradesh Right to Information (First Amendment) Rules, 2006.
   (2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. Amendments :- In the Arunachal Pradesh Right to Information Rules, 2005 (herein after called the Principal Rules):
   (1) For clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 2, the following clause shall be substituted, namely :-
      "(b) "Competent authority" means the Public Information Officer (PIO) or such Officer who is senior in rank to the Public Information Officer as the case may be".
   (2) In rule 3 of Principal Rules; the following proviso shall be inserted, namely :-
      "Provided further that the PIO/APIO shall assist the person requesting for information in filling up the form-A to ensure complete details of information required. Provided further that person's residing outside the Capital Complex as well as District headquarters are allowed to apply on plain paper".
   (3) In Rule 4 of the Principal Rules, (i) for Sub-clause (i) following sub-rule shall be substituted by the following, namely :-
      (i) "(i) If the requested information does not fall within the jurisdiction of the competent authority, it shall transfer the remaining part to the concerned PIO/APIO of the Department/office with intimation to the applicant in form 'B' as soon as practicable, normally within fifteen days and in any case within thirty days of the receipt of the application, advising the applicant, wherever possible, about the competent authority to whom the applicant should approach for the remaining part of the information. The application fee deposited in such cases shall not be refunded, nor is the applicant liable to pay application fee again on transfer of application for the remaining part of the information".
      (ii) For sub-rule (3), the words "reject the remaining part giving reasons thereof" shall be substituted by the words, namely :-
      "transfer the remaining part to the competent authority of the concerned Department/Office thereof. Provided that the application for information shall not be rejected unless it is exempted from discloser".
   (4) In Rule 5 of the Principal Rules, Sub-Rule 3 (a) & (b) shall be omitted.
   (5) In Rule 6 of the Principal Rules, Sub-Rule (1) shall be omitted.
   (6) In Rule 8 of the Principal Rules,-
(i) for clause (ii) of Sub-Rule (1) (A), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:

"(ii) Information in the form of Communication /letter etc. - Two rupees per page.

(ii) For serial number -2 of Sub-Rule (1) (B), the following shall be substituted, namely:

"(2). For other than priced publication -Two rupees per page".

(iii) In clause (B) of Sub-rule (1) of rule 8, after serial No.2, the following serial number and entries shall be added namely :-

"(3). For inspection of records, no fee for the first hour; and for each subsequent hour (or fraction thereof). -Rupees five".

(7) The existing particulars of Form - B prescribe under Rule 4 (1) shall be substituted by the following particulars namely :-

"To


Subject :- Forwarding of application for information.

Sir,

I am forwarding herewith an application received from Shri/Smti ........................................ dated........................................ addressed to the undersigned regarding supply of information on ........................................

2. The requested information falls within your jurisdiction and therefore, you are request to take necessary steps to furnish the required information to the applicant.

3. This is in supersession of the acknowledgment given to the applicant vide No. .................... dated ....................

Yours Faithfully,

Enclosed : As Above.

Competent Authority

E-mail address........................................

Web-site : ........................................

Tel. No. ........................................

Shri/ Smti ........................................... He is requested to approach the above mentioned officer for the information required.

Kewal K. Sharma,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.