CIRCULAR

Sub : Right to Information Act, 2005 – Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District – Compliance with the order of Hon'ble Appellate Authority-cum-Registrar General High Court of A.P in Appeal.No.110/2026, dated 02.07.2026 - Directions to the State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Administrative Officer of Court of Principal District Judge, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District – Specific internal directions to Superintendent No.1 and the Court Manager of the Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore – Issued – Strict instructions to submit information within 03 days – The Subject matter is in urgency in nature – Regarding.

Ref : Order, dated 02.07.2026 passed in Appeal No.110/2026 by the Hon'ble Appellate Authority-cum-Registrar General High Court of A.P.

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Attention is invited to the reference cited, wherein, the Hon'ble Appellate Authority-cum-Registrar General, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, while deciding Appeal.No.110/2026 filed under section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, passed an order on 02.07.2026.

As per the result portion (paragraph 12) of the said Appellate Order, the Appeal was allowed in part, and the State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Administrative Officer of Court of Principal District Judge, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, was decided to furnish information for specific subjects within 7 days, at free of cost. The operative portion is mentioned below:

"In the result the Appeal is allowed in part. Appellant/Applicant is not entitled for information under the subjects 7,11,12 and 14. Respondent/ State Assistant Public Information Officer is directed to furnish the information to applicant with regard to the subjects 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,13,15 and 16 within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order at free of costs."

To ensure strict, absolute and time-bound compliance with the statutory mandate under the Right to Information Act, 2005, the following internal administrative responsibilities are hereby assigned:

1. The concerned Superintendent No.1 of the court of the Principal District Judge, Nellore is hereby directed to immediately compile, verify and hand over the comprehensive data pertaining to the subject falling within their respective section(from among the allowed subject No.8) is as follows: 8. Provide details budget allocation and expenditure for the District Court, Nellore, for the last three financial years and hand over the same to the State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Administrative Officer of Court of Principal District Judge, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.
2. The Court Manager of the Court of Principal District Judge, Nellore is hereby directed to explicitly compile, verify and provide all the necessary information relating to subject No.15 (Infrastructure details like 1.Number of Court buildings 2.Number of Court halls 3. Availability of e-Courts / Digital Court facilities) and hand over the same to the State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Administrative Officer of Court of Principal District Judge, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District

The State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Administrative Officer of Court of Principal District Judge, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, shall coordinate the collection process, ensure that the precise information for the subjects 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,13,15 and 16 is served upon the Appellant namely Sri Shaik Aarif at free of cost, within the mandated timeline and submit an immediate compliance report to this Court. Any delay or institutional lapse will be viewed with extreme gravity.

The System Officer, Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, is hereby directed to immediately upload this circular to the Official Courts website of the District Judiciary for wide dissemination and compliance.

Principal District Judge,
Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.

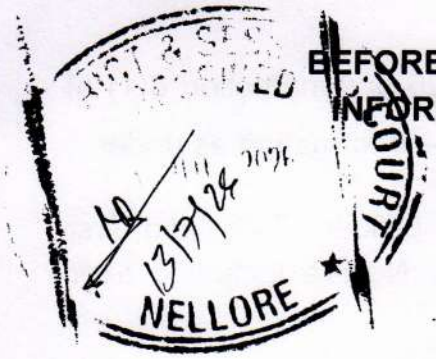
Office of the Principal District Judge,
Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, dated 15.07.2026

To

1. State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Administrative Officer of Court of Principal District Judge, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District
2. The Superintendent 1 of the Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, for information and with instructions to submit the required information shall reach this office without fail for a time bound stipulation of 3 days on receipt of this Circular.
3. The Court Manager of the Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, for information and with instructions to submit the required information shall reach this office without fail for a time bound stipulation of 3 days on receipt of this Circular.
4. The System Officer, Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, for information.
4. Office Stock file.

Dis No. 3949 /2026, dated 15 .07.2026.

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BEFORE THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005-CUM-REGISTRAR GENERAL HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Present: **Sri Y.V.S.B.G. PARDHA SARADHI**

Appellate Authority-cum-Registrar General

Thursday, the Second Day of July, 2026

Appeal No.110 of 2026

Between:

Sri Shaik Aarif,
Sarkar Thopu Street,
North Rajupalem (V),
Kodavaluru (M),
SPSR Nellore District. **... Appellant.**

RNO: 799 13/7/26

AND

The State Assistant Public Information Officer
-cum-Chief Administrative Officer,
Principal District Judge's Court,
Nellore. **... Respondent.**

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Appeal filed under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 against the Order dated 29.05.2026 passed by the State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum- Chief Administrative Officer, Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore.

This appeal coming on for orders, upon perusing the grounds of appeal, the material papers filed in the case, upon hearing the submissions of the appellant and upon perusing the written submissions of the respondent, the Appellate Authority made the following order:

O R D E R:

Appeal was filed by Sri Shaik Aarif under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short, 'the RTI Act') against the order dated 29.05.2026 passed by the State Assistant Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Administrative Officer, Principal District Judge's Court, Nellore (for short, 'the SAPIO'). The appeal was received on 04.06.2026.

2. Initially, the appellant filed application dated 25.05.2026 under Section 6(1) of 'the RTI Act' before 'the SAPIO' requesting to furnish the information as under:

1. Provide the details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and first Appellate Authority (FAA) of the District Court, Nellore including their designation and their contact details.

2. Provide the year-wise number of RTI applications received and disposed of in the District Court for the last 5 years.

3. Provide copies of the RTI Rules/Guidelines followed by District Courts in Andhra Pradesh including fee structure and procedure.

4. Provide the details of staff strength (sanctioned vs. working) in the District Court, Nellore.

5. Provide details of vacant posts in the District Judiciary of SPSR Nellore District.

6. Provide certified copies of any administrative circulars, instructions or orders issued by the District Judge, regarding public access, transparency or grievance redressal.

7. Provide information of pendency of cases (category wise) in District Courts under SPSR Nellore.

8. Provide details of Budget allocation and expenditure for the District Court for the last 3 financial years.

9. Give me details of pending cases last 5 years.

10. RTI implementation measures: Provide details of the steps taken by the District Court to implement the RTI Act effectively, including any awareness or training programmes conducted for staff.

11. First Appeal Data:

Provide year wise data (last 5 years) on :

Number of first appeals received.

Number disposed.

Number pending.

12. Penalties/Disciplinary action:

Provide details of any action taken against officials for violation of the RTI Act, 2005 including penalties imposed under the Act.

13. Suo Motu disclosure (Section 4 compliance) Provide details of information disclosed under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act.

14. Case statistics: Performance data, provide year wise data (Last 5 years) on

    1. Number of cases filed
    2. Number of cases disposed.
    3. Disposal rate

15. Infrastructure details:

Provide details on:

1. Number of court buildings,
2. Number of court halls
3. Availability of e-courts/Digital Court facilities.

16. Grievance redressal mechanism:

Provide details of any grievance redressal system available to the public, including the name and designation of the responsible officer.

In the application, applicant stated the following legal "This application is filed under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Central Board of Secondary Education vs. Aditya Bandopandhyay 2011 held that information accessible under law must be provided unless exempted under Section 8 or 9. Further, in State of Uttar Pradesh vs. Raj Narain (1975), the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that Right to know is a fundamental right under Article 19(1)(a).

As per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, the requested information must be provided within 30 days.

If any part of the information is denied, the PIO is requested to clearly testify the same under specific provisions of Section 8 or 9 of the RTI Act as mandated by law.

3. The contention of the appellant is that 'the SAPIO' had not furnished the information as sought for by him.

4. Notices have been issued to the appellant and respondent. Appellant was present. Heard his submissions. Record of 'the SAPIO' received.

5. Perused the entire material on record.

6. *Now the point for consideration is:*

Whether the appellant is entitled for the information which he had sought for from 'the SAPIO' and whether there is any illegality or irregularity in the impugned order dated 29.05.2026 and whether the said order has to be set aside?

7. 'The SAPIO' had passed the order dated 29.05.2026 and informed as under:

1. Provide the details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and first Appellate Authority (FAA) of the District Court, Nellore including their designation and their contact details. 2. Provide the year-wise number of RTI applications received and disposed of in the District Court for the last 5 years. 3. Provide copies of the RTI Rules/Guidelines followed by District Courts in Andhra Pradesh including fee structure and procedure. 4. Provide the details of staff strength (sanctioned vs. working) in the District Court, Nellore. 5. Provide details of vacant posts in the District Judiciary of SPSR Nellore District. 6. Provide certified copies of any	"In this regard, you are hereby informed that the information sought for is given as follows: You have requested certain information regarding various administrative, judicial data and third party related statistics concerning this authority, your application stands rejected on the following statutory grounds: Third party exemption: The internal judicial administrative data requested by you pertains to third party matters and institutional records to which you are a stranger. As, you have failed to establish any overriding public interest, disclosure is strictly exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, the application is returned as "not maintainable". Therefore, your request is hereby rejected as non maintainable.

administrative circulars, instructions or orders issued by the District Judge, regarding public access, transparency or grievance redressal. 7. Provide information of pendency of cases (category wise) in District Courts under SPSR Nellore. 8. Provide details of Budget allocation and expenditure for the District Court for the last 3 financial years. 9. Give me details of pending cases last 5 years. 10. RTI implementation measures: Provide details of the steps taken by the District Court to implement the RTI Act effectively, including any awareness or training programmes conducted for staff. 11. First Appeal Data: Provide year wise data (last 5 years) on : Number of first appeals received. Number disposed. Number pending. 12. Penalties/Disciplinary action : Provide details of any action taken against officials for violation of the RTI Act, 2005 including penalties imposed under the Act. 13. Suo Motu disclosure (Section 4 compliance) Provide details of information disclosed under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act. 14. Case statistics : Performance data, provide year wise data (Last 5 years) on 1. Number of cases filed 2. Number of cases disposed.	Return of fees: In accordance with the statutory mandate, consequently the original statutory fee paid by the above applicant (via Indian postal order No. 69F 081196, dt. 20.01.2025) is returned in original as application is not admitted and not unacted upon. Statutory appeal clause (Section 19(1) : As per the Section 7(8) of the RTI Act, if you are hereby aggrieved by this return/rejection, you may prefer an appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act to the first appellate authority.

3. Disposal rate 15. Infrastructure details: Provide details on : 1. Number of court buildings, 2. Number of court halls 3. Availability of e-courts/Digital Court facilities. 16. Grievance redressal mechanism: Provide details of any grievance redressal system available to the public, including the name and designation of the responsible officer. Legal grounds: This application is filed under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Central Board of Secondary Education vs. Aditya Bandopandhyay 2011 held that information accessible under law must be provided unless exempted under Section 8 or 9. Further, in State of Uttar Pradesh vs. Raj Narain (1975), the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that Right to know is a fundamental right under Article 19(1)(a). As per Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, the requested information must be provided within 30 days. If any part of the information is denied, the PIO is requested to clearly testify the same under specific provisions of Section 8 or 9 of the RTI Act as mandated by law.	

9. As seen from the application filed by the applicant, it is clear that he asked the information in relation to records required to be maintained on administrative side. Sec.4 of the RTI Act, specifically stated about the nature of information required to be maintained in every public office by way of computerization. The information sought by applicant under subjects 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,13,15 and 16 is not the third party information as observed by respondent/SAPIO and it is the information required to be maintained by every court in regular manner. The observation of SAPIO is not correct. Appellant/applicant is entitled for the information to the extent of the subjects 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10, 13, 15 and 16.

10. Under subject No.7, applicant sought for the information about the pendency of cases in District Courts (category wise), under subject No.9, sought for the information about pendency of cases from the last 5 years, under Subject No. 11 sought for information about number of first appeals received, number of first appeals disposed of and number of first appeals pending. Under subject No.14, appellant sought for information as number of cases field, number of cases disposed of and disposal rate. This information can be secured from e-courts of District Judiciary. When there is an access to get information in another mode or procedure, that procedure to be adopted and not by way of filing application under RTI Act.

11. Under Subject No. 12, applicant sought for information about the details of any action taken against officials for violation of RTI Act 2005 including penalties imposed under the Act. This information is third party information and therefore, applicant is not entitled for the information under Subject No.12.

12. In the result, the appeal is allowed in part. Appellant/applicant is not entitled for information under the subjects 7, 11, 12 and 14. Respondent/SAPIO is directed to furnish the information to applicant with regard to the subjects 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,13,15 and 16 within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order, free of costs.

13. The appellant has a right to prefer an appeal before the A.P. State Information Commission, under Section 19(3) of 'the RTI Act' within 90 days from the date of receipt of this order, if the appellant is felt aggrieved by this order.

Details and address of the Andhra Pradesh Information Commission:

The State Information Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Information Commission,
1st Floor, MGM Capital,
Near NRI Hospital Cross Roads, Service Road of NH-16,
Chinnakakani, Mangalagiri, Guntur District – 522 508.

Typed to my dictation by the Personal Secretary, corrected and pronounced by me on this the 2nd day of July, 2026.

Sd/-
APPELLATE AUTHORITY-CUM-REGISTRAR GENERAL

//Forwarded by order//

Rayalaseema 8/7/26
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

To

1. Sri Shaik Aarif,
   Sarkar Thopu Street,
   North Rajupalem (V),
   Kodavaluru (M),
   SPSR Nellore District. **(BY RPAD)**

2. The State Assistant Public Information Officer
   -cum-Chief Administrative Officer,
   Principal District Judge's Court,
   Nellore. **(BY RPAD)**