

F. No. 3-23/2020-AR/49

अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated the 09th February, 2021.

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The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its decision dated 13/11/2019 in Civil Appeal No.10044 of 2010 titled as Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Agarwal, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in para no. 59 of the above referred case has defined '**personal information**'. The relevant part of the judgement is reproduced below:

"Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive."

All the HoDs are requested to bring it to the notice of all the PIOs under their control.


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