

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
ARUNACHAL PRADESH, ITANAGAR

No. SEC/AP/PS-2/2013

Dated Itanagar, the 27th April'2013

To,

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The Arunachal Pioneer,
Itanagar.

Sir,

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I reiterate that during election process your news paper should be more sensitive to what the news looks like, as well as what it contains. The said news is in the context of a meeting held as far back as in 14th January, 2013. Please peruse the content and judge yourself whether a clearance letter for Rs. 610.80 crore for 78 roads and 14 long span bridges, covering 901.56 kms in length" has that much news value which should ignore State Election Commission advisory.

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Yours faithfully


27/04/13
(Kanto Peyang)

Secretary
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