State Information Commissioners, Shri Matheim Linggi, Smt Nanom Jamoh and Shri Abraham K Techi called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 8th June 2016. The Commissioners briefed the Governor on State Information Commission and also apprised him on its challenges.

Congratulating the Commission on being awarded as the Best Information Commission in the country in 2009, the Governor advised the Commissioners to live up to its reputation. He also advised them to conduct awareness campaigns on Right to Information act through State Level workshops or seminars to District, ADC, SDO, Circle and Block levels, so that the common people can fully utilise their rights.

The Governor cautioned the Statutory Body against misuse of RTI provisions by some unscrupulous people for their illegal gains.

On suggestion from the Commissioners, the Governor emphasised that every Government department must have its own website, which should be regularly updated and have correct information. It will reduce time and money incurred by the Public Information Officers in appearing before the Commission, which in turn will reduce the financial implication on the State Exchequer. He also stressed on activating the National Informatics Centres in every district and circles.

In the meeting, the Governor suggested measures to strengthen the State Information Commission, including regularization of officials, appointment of Chief Information Commissioner, filling up of all the vacant posts, shifting of Commission office to permanent building and awareness activities within a timeframe.

Commissioner Finance Shri Ashish Kundra, Secretary to Governor Dr. Joram Beda, Additional Secretary to Governor Shri BS Hada and Deputy Registrar, APIC, Ms Marina Siram were also present in the meeting.

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