

Could the accused's civil registration information be disclosed?

A person would like to charge the accused of the Central Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases with a criminal offense. Therefore, he filed the document requesting civil registration of the accused. Let's see whether such information shall be disclosed.

Mr. Meeyot filed the document requesting information about the civil registration of three inquiry officials of Mueang Tip Provincial Police Station, claiming that such information would be used as documentation of a plaint submitted to the Central Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases. Mueang Tip Chief District Officer rejected to disclose requested information for the reason that the aforementioned information was considered personal information, as well as Mr. Meeyot's plaint draft had not been accepted by any state agencies. Thus, Mr. Meeyot filed an appeal letter to the Information Disclosure Commissioner.

The Information Disclosure Commissioner relating to society, public administration and law enforcement concluded that the information as appealed, the civil registration of the accused, was considered personal information which shall not be disclosed according to Section 24 of the Official Information Act, B.E. 2540 (1997). Apart from none of the evidence that Mr. Meeyot was related to the accused who was the subject of personal information, the only document Mr. Meeyot provided was the draft of the plaint which had not been accepted by any state agencies. Therefore, disclosing such personal information would inappropriately violate privacy rights following Section 15 (2) of the Official Information Act, B.E. 2540 (1997). After considering the performance of the duties of the state agency under the law, public interests, and the interests of private individuals, it was lawful that Mueang Tip Provincial Police Station rejected to disclose information as appealed. For this reason, the Commissioner agreed to dismiss the appeal.

Should there be any inquiries on practices regarding the Official Information Act, B.E. 2540 (1997), please contact the Office of the Official Information Commission, the Office of Permanent Secretary, the Prime Minister's Office via telephone at 0 2283 4678-79.

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