

ARTA files new complaint against Camarines Norte Governor Tallado

6 November 2020 – The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) filed a new case against Camarines Norte Governor Edgardo Tallado at the Office of the Ombudsman today for another violation of Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018.

Based on ARTA's Findings and Recommendations after investigation, Governor Tallado had imposed an additional requirement not listed under the Citizen's Charter of the Province of Camarines Norte for a complainant's application for business permit, an offense punishable under Section 21 (b) of R.A. 11032. The imposition of additional requirement/s by way of resolution is in the nature of a new resolution which should be subjected to Regulatory Impact Assessment process or at least with proper consultation as indicated in Section 5 Rule III of the IRR of RA 11032.

The complaint also cited Governor Tallado for violation of Section 21 (d) when he failed to give the complainant a written notice of disapproval on his application and request and Section 21 (e) when he failed to issue the renewal of the complainant's Gravel and Sand Permit within the prescribed period.

Under Section 3 Rule VII of the IRR of R.A. 11032, all applications or request for government service shall be acted upon by the assigned officer within the prescribed processing time stated in the Citizen's Charter which shall not be longer than three working days for simple transactions, seven working days for complex transactions and twenty working days in the case of highly technical transactions from the date application was received. Even assuming that the complainant's application is classified as highly technical and that processing time is twenty days, ARTA stressed that there is still a clear violation of RA 11032 since the documents and required fees were submitted as early as March 25 of last year.

"Ang batas po ay batas. Binabalaan po namin ang mga ahensiya at opisyal ng gobyerno, patuloy po kaming magsasampa ng kaso hangga't patuloy na may lumalabag. Paulit ulit po ang aming panawagan, huwag na niyong pahirapan ang taumbayan. Tayo po ay mapalad na mapagsilbihan sila. Huwag po nating sayangin ang pagkakataon na mapabuti ang buhay ng Pilipino", Director General Belgica warned against officials who continue to err against the law.

ARTA first filed a complaint against Governor Tallado in October 2019 for violation of Sections 21 (d) and (e) on a complainant's application for a Gravel and Sand Permit.

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