

A PART OF GOVERNORS AND THEIR DEPUTIES FILL OUT THE ASSET DECLARATIONS INCOMPLETELY

A part of the state trustees – governors – and their deputies filled out their asset declarations incompletely in 2018.

TI Georgia has studied more than 20 asset declarations of public officials. As a result, we revealed **5 cases of incompletely filled out declarations, 1 case in which a public official is engaged in an activity incompatible with public office, and 2 cases of failure to transfer the management rights of stakes to other persons on the basis of a trust agreement.** It should be noted that the Civil Service Bureau [fined 8](#) public officials employed in regional administrations as a result of an analogous [study](#) conducted by our organization in 2018.

SHAVLEGO TABATADZE

Governor of Imereti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in October 2018, Shavlego Tabatadze failed to indicate that his spouse, Ekaterine Barbakadze, is the director and owner of a 100% stake in [Ansalte LLC](#).

ARCHIL JAPARIDZE

Governor of Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in April 2018, Archil Japaridze failed to indicate that his spouse, Natalia Khachapuridze, owns a 25% stake in [Rioni 2015 LLC](#) and is the chairperson of the board of cooperative [RK Edena](#).

SHOTA REKHVIASHVILI

Governor of Kvemo Kartli



In a [declaration](#) filled out in August 2018, Shota Rekhviashvili failed to indicate that he owns a 50% stake in [Agrogori LLC](#), which is a violation of law. Together with indicating the said stake in the declaration, the law also makes him obliged to transfer the stake to another person on the basis of a trust agreement.

ZAUR DARGALI

Deputy Governor of Kvemo Kartli



In a [declaration](#) filled out in July 2018, Zaur Dargali failed to indicate that his spouse, Rena Nurmamedova, owns a [land plot](#) (625 sq. meters) in Marneuli. Zaur Dargali also failed to indicate this information in the [declaration](#) of the previous year, information about which was [published](#) by TI Georgia in July 2018. Zaur Dargali is one of the public officials who were [fined](#) by the Civil Service Bureau for the failure to fill out the declarations completely.

SHALVA BERDZENISHVILI

First Deputy Governor of Samtskhe-Javakheti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in December 2018, Shalva Berdzenishvili indicated that he is the director of [JSC VIP Georgia](#), which is a violation of law – according to the Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service,¹ a public official may not simultaneously serve as the head of a business entity. Shalva Berdzenishvili has indicated that the said joint stock company is not currently operating, although, according to the legislation, a business entity only ceases to exist after abolition of registration. A company may no longer be operating, but this does not free a public official from the obligation to resign from the director's position.

In addition, Shalva Berdzenishvili is the director and owner of a 10% stake in one more company – [Aromati LLC](#), and also owns a 12% stake in [Amiri LLC](#). In addition to leaving the director's position in the said companies, Shalva Berdzenishvili is also obliged to transfer the management rights of his stakes to another person on the basis of a trust agreement.

Verification of asset declarations of public officials is one of the major instruments for combating corruption. **Therefore, TI Georgia calls on the Civil Service Bureau to study the asset declarations of the persons mentioned in the study on the basis of the presented information and to respond accordingly.**

¹ <https://matsne.gov.ge/en/document/download/33550/55/en/pdf>