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## RUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Case No. APIC-71/2025.

**APPELLANT** 

: Shri TamchiGungtNear KV-II School Chimpu.

RESPONDENT

: The PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (PWD), Mariyang Division, District: Upper Siang.

## **ORDER**

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tamchi Gungte for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (PWD), Mariyang Division, District Upper Siang, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 14.10.2024.

- A. Particular of information: Construction of Road from Mindi Yorbe to Govt. Model College, Geku in Upper Siang District during the financial year- 2022-23.
- B. Details of information required:
  - 1. Certified Sanction Order copy;
  - 2. Certified PRC (Permanent Residence Certificate) submitted by tender Participant issued by the Competent Authority regarding domicile status with the Districts ass per Rule 4 (ii)(b) of the Arunachal Pradesh District Based Entrepreneurs and Professionals (Incentive, Development and promotion) Rule, 2015;
  - 3. Certified LOC copy;
  - 4. Certified copy of utilization certificate;
  - 5. Certified copy of Notice Inviting Tender (NIT);
- 6. Certified copy of Progress report of the projects in physical and Financial section till date;
- 7. Certified copy of copy of Completion certificate of the project;
- 8. Certified copy of newspaper in which NIT was published (At least 3 news paper name (one national & 2 Local) along with date of publication of news paper, as per government approved order;
- 9. Certified design and scope of work in the projects;
- 10. Certified copy of work specification of the projects;
- 11. Certified Copy of documents submitted by tender participant for Technical Bid;
- 12. Name of Firms who won the Tender Work;
- 13. Name of Officers and their designation at the time of monitoring the work;
- 14. Certified copy of Contractor Registration, Pass work completion, Contractor enlistment update reports, of tender participant and winning Firm;
- 15. Certified copy of EMD and Security money deposited by all the tender participant.
- 16. Certified Integrity Pact submitted by the tender participant.

17. Certified copy of an Affidavit copy sworn before a competent Magistrate by the Contractor, to the effect that he does not have two or more incomplete ongoing commitments (project / contract to execute) at the time of bidding by the tender participant and winning firm. (as per rule SPWD/W-66/2012 Dtd. 01.08.2018);

18. Certified documents submitted by tender participant and winning firm, i.e. copy of completed three similar work each of value not less than 40% of the estimate cost or completed two similar work each of value not less then 60% of the estimated cost or completed one similar work of value not less than 80 % of the estimated cost in the last 5 years ending last day of the month previous to the one in which the tenders are invited Certified copy of Acceptance letter for Tender Work by the Executing Agency to the tender winning farm;

19. Certified copy of Work Order given to the Contractor by the Executing Department:

20. Agreement copy made between the Contractor and the Executive Agency for the projects mentioned above;

21. Photograph of worksite (Glossy paper) before starting of work and photograph (Glossy paper) after completion of work

22. Geo Coordinate information for the work mentioned above;

23. Certified payment details of the project till date;

24. Certified Solvency certificate by the Bankers, submitted by all the tender participant;

25. Certified credit facility from Bankers (10% of the tender value) submitted by the tender participants;

26. Certified affidavit to invest cash up to (25 % of tender value) submitted by the tender participant:

## Hearing and decision:

This appeal was listed and heard for 3 (three) times earlier on 23.04.2025, on 21.05.2025 and 06.06.2025.

The PIO did not appear in the earlier 2 hearings on 23.04.2025 and 21.05.2025. The appellant appeared on both the dates. However, in the hearing on 21.05.2025 one Shri Santosh Ram, Divisional Accountant appeared online on behalf of the PIO who submitted that he will not be able to answer any clarification, if asked for during the course of hearing. The hearing of the appeal was, hence, adjourned to 06.06.202 with direction to the PIO to be present in person with the requested documents/information and to explain the reasons for denial, if any, of the documents.

Meanwhile the Appellant, Shri Tamchi Gungte, vide letter dated 30.05.2025, addressed to this Commission, informed that the PIO had furnished the requested information(s) on 27.05.2025 but the information(s) are either incomplete / or not furnished as shown below:

(i) Sl No 2: Not satisfied with the reply (PRC of tender participants)

(ii) Sl No. 8 : Not satisfied with the reply (News Papers Notice of e-tender)

(iii) Sl No. 9 : Not satisfied with the reply (Design and scope of work)

(iv) SI No. 11 :The information is not furnished (Documents submitted for technical Bid).

(v) Sl No. 14: The information is incomplete (Contractor Regn. and Enlistment)

(vi) Sl No. 15: The information is incomplete (EMD and Security)

(vii) Sl No.18: The information is incomplete (Copy of 3 completed works by the tender wining firm)

(ix) Sl No. 22: The information is not furnished (photograph of the worksite before start of work)

(x) Sl No. 23: The information is not furnished (Geo co-ordinate)

(xi) Sl No. 24: The information is incomplete (Payment details)

In the hearing on 06.06.2025, the appellant was present in person but the PIO was again represented by Shri Santosh Ram, Divisional Accountant appeared as APIO online.

During the course of hearing the appellant reiterated his demand for the left out documents while the APIO submitted that some of the requested documents/information are either related to commercial confidence or personal information of the third party which are exempted under section 8(1)(d) and (j) of the RTI Act.

The appellant, however, responded by saying that he did not request for any information relating to any commercial confidence or trade secrets of the tender participants but has asked for the PRCs submitted by them to prove their domicile status as required under the A.P District Based Entrepreneurs and Professionals (Incentive, Development and Promotion) Rules, 2015. The appellant also complained that although the NIT was uploaded in the in news paper was not furnished.

This Commission, on perusal of the details of left out documents/information as above and upon hearing the parties, noticed that non-disclosure of the those remaining documents, particularly, the PRC (Sl.No.2) and the Documents submitted for technical bid (Sl.No.11) on the ground that these are exempted under section 8(1)(d) and (j) was not correct inasmuch as the PRC can not be termed as an information having a character of commercial confidence or trade secrets. Further, the disclosure of the documents submitted by the tender participants for technical bid, some of which, even though, might be personal information, can not be denied if the disclosure has a relationship to public activity or interest in terms of the provisions contained in the exemption clause(j) itself. This Commission further noticed that the disclosure of the documents as sought for in the instant case, indeed, has relationship with an important public activity or interest i.e the construction of public road and in view thereof, the requested documents ought to be furnished to the appellant.

In the premises as above, the PIO was directed to provide the aforementioned left out documents/information to the appellant within 4(four) weeks from 06.06.2025 and in any case before 09.07.2025 and appeal was accordingly listed again on 09.07.2025.

Today on 09.07.2025, the PIO attended through VC who informed that the left out information were furnished to the appellant a week ago and the appellant who is present in person also acknowledged the receipt of the documents with which he is satisfied.

In the premises above, this appeal stands disposed of and closed.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 9th July, 2025.

Sd/-(S. TSERING BAPPU) State Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar. Memo No. APIC- 71/2025 462

Dated Itanagar, the

**July, 2025** 

Copy to:

1. The Chief Engineer (PWD), Govt. of A.P, Central Zone-B, Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P), the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO concerned.

2. The PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (PWD), Mariyang Division, Upper Siang District (A.P) PIN – 791002 for information and compliance.

3. Shri Tamchi Gungte, Near KV-II School Chimpu, PO/PS Chimpu, Distt. Papum

Pare (A.P) PIN: 791113, Mobile No. 9233567279 for information.

4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.

5. Office copy.

6. S/Copy.

Registrar/ Deputy Registrar APIC, Itanagar

Deputy Registrar
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Itanagar