



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-323/2026.

APPELLANT : Shri Chow Lajamang, Mannow, Village Nanam
Khamti, Namsai.

RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the CE(PWD), Eastern Zone, Namsai.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Chow Lajamang Mannow for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the CE (PWD), Eastern Zone, Namsai as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 17.12.2025.

A. Details of Information:

1. Certified Copy of total expenditure since his assuming the charge of CE(EZ) PWD.
2. Certified Copy of all kinds of payment made from CE(EZ) PWD.
3. Certified Copy of all DPR & Schemes Major & Minor works.
4. Certified Copy of all the LOC issued to Division under PWD (EZ) from CE(EZ) PWD.
5. Certified Copy of Maintenance of Asset under CE(EZ) PWD.
6. Certified Copy of how much fund(s) allocated/distributed and LOC issued to all the Division(s) under PWD (EZ) from CE(EZ) PWD.
7. Certified Copy of Cashbook Statements of CE(EZ) PWD Office.
8. Certified Copy of Attendance Register of Shri Minjum Padu, CE(EZ) PWD.

B. Period for which information asked for:- Since present incumbent assuming the Charge of CE(EZ) PWD, Namsai- till date.

Brief facts emerging from the appeal:

Records emerging from the appeal disclose that the Appellant, Shri Chow Lajamang Mannow had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information / documents in response to which the PIO vide his letter dtd. 04.02.2026, requested the appellant to deposit an amount of Rs 304/- (Rupees three hundred and four) only being the cost of document. As advised, the appellant, vide Challan dtd. 13.02.2026 deposited the required fee whereafter the PIO, vide his letter dtd. 16.02.2026, furnished the information/ replies to the appellant as under:

"Sir.

With reference to your application for information Dtd. 17.12.2025, so Minjum Padu, CE (E/Z) PWD, Namsai for a period from assuming the charge which was received on 23/12/2025, and upon depositing the document fee of R Treasury Challan/IPO, it is to inform you as follows:

Sl. No.	Information sought	Description of Information provided.	Remarks
1)	Certified Copy of total expenditure since assuming the charge	Certified copy enclosed (ANNEXURE A)	01 page
2)	Certified Copy of all kinds of payment mode	Certified copy enclosed (ANNEXURE-B)	01 page
3)	Certified Copy of all DPR & Schemes Major & Minor work	Certified copy enclosed	140 pages
4)	Certified Copy of all the LOC issued to Division	Certified copy enclosed	10 pages
5)	Certified Copy of Maintenance of Assets	No Maintenance of Assets done after assuming the office.	10 page
6)	Certified Copy of how much funds allocated/ distributed and LOC issued to all the Divisions.	Copy of fund allocated may be find in Govt. Website Arunachalplan.gov.in may visit in mentioned website	10 page
7)	Certified Copy of Cashbook Statements of CE	Cashbook statement/salary/payment to individual documents which come under section 8, hence can not disclose.	10 page
8)	Certified Copy of Attendance Register of Shri Minjum Padu	There is no attendance Register of Chief Engineer	10 page

As per Section 19(1) of Right to Information Act-2005 should you de against the decision of the PIO, you may file appeal to the appellate authority within 30 days of issue of this letter. The appellate authority is as follows:

First Appellate Authority,
Chief Engineer, Eastern Zone, PWD, Namsai, AP-792103

Sd/-
PIO-cum-SW, o/o
CE(EZ)PWD Namsai"

The appellant, apparently, did not receive complete information as per his application from the PIO which prompted him to file his 1st appeal before the Chief Engineer, (PWD), Eastern Zone, Namsai, the FAA under Section 19 (1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 21.02.2026.

There is, however, no records to show that the FAA had conducted the hearing but the FAA, vide his letter dt. 10.03.2026, (as reproduced hereunder) disposed the appeal as under:

"Referring to your First Appeal application dated 21/02/2026 submitted under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, the matter has been examined and observed that the information sought vide Form 'A' of the RTI Application dated 17/12/2025 had already been furnished by the PiO-cum-SW (EZ), PWD, AP, Namsai, vide Letter No. CEAP (EZ)/EMI/7/RTI/2025-26/4597 dated 16/02/2026, which has also been received by you.

However, you have filed the present appeal against the concerned IOO on the grounds that inadequate information was furnished in SI. No. 3(a), 3(b), and 3(g) of the original RTI Application dated 17/12/2025.

Upon perusal of the documents furnished by the PIO-cum-SW (EZ) and available in the office records, the following observations are made:

1. With regard to the objection raised in Sl. No. 3a: The document provided by the PIO as Annexure 'A' (copy enclosed) which appears to be sufficient and in conformity with the information sought in the RTI application.
2. With regard to the objection raised in Sl. No. 3b: The detailed information furnished by the PIO appears satisfactory as per Annexure 'B'(copy enclosed), which is considered adequate and authentic.
3. With regard to the objection raised in Sl. No. 3:: It is observed that the PIO has denied disclosure of the requested information under Section 8 of the RTI Act, 2005, stating that the cashbook statements relate to salary/payment records of individuals, which fall under personal information. After careful consideration of the decision taken by the PIO, the undersigned is satisfied that the information relates to personal information, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or public interest and would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual, as provided under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

However, if you are able to establish that there exists a larger public interest in the disclosure of the information related to the cashbook statements of the CE (EZ), PWD Office, the matter may be reconsidered in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the above, you are requested to specifically clarify, in detail, the alleged inadequacies in the information furnished with proper reasoning so that the concerned PIO can be directed to take necessary action, if deemed appropriate, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Please take notice that, at present, the undersigned is engaged in pressing departmental duties and official obligations owing to the financial year ending; therefore, conducting hearings may be difficult at this time. Nevertheless, this office of the First Appellate Authority functions in the interest of the appellants, and you may rest assured that any appeal or commination received from your end will be duly considered and acted upon in accordance with the rules. However, if no communication is received by this office from your end within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this order/letter, the matter shall be treated as closed, presuming that you have no further interest in pursuing the appeal.

Enclosed: As stated above

Sd/-

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer, Eastern Zone."

The appellant, apparently, not satisfied with the order of the FAA as above, preferred his 2nd appeal before this Commission under Section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide memo of appeal dated 20.03.2026.

This appeal is, accordingly, listed today on 31st July, 2026 wherein the appellant, Chow Lajamang Mannow appeared in person while the PIO, Er. K. Manyu, EE is present through VC.

Hearing and decision:

Heard the parties.

The appellant, reiterating his complaint that the o/o the PIO has furnished incomplete documents / information to him, pleaded for appropriate direction to the PIO to provide the complete information as requested by him in his application. He also pleaded for direction for allowing /facilitating site inspection as demanded vide Sl.No.4 of his application.

The PIO, on the other hand, submitted that the information/replies to query Nos.3(a) and 3(b) have been furnished to the appellant and reiterated his decision regarding the denial of information against query No.3(g) as being personal information and therefore exempted under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 which was also endorsed by the FAA in his order aforesaid.

This Commission perused the replies/information furnished by the PIO to the appellant and it is noticed that as far the replies to the Sl.No.3(a) and 3(b) are concerned, the same have been furnished correctly and sufficiently and accordingly, this Commission endorses the decision of the PIO and the FAA and as such no direction to the PIO is warranted in this regard. However, the exemption ground i.e section 8(1) (j) cited and relied on by the PIO and the FAA in denying the information in respect of Sl. No.3(g) (*Certified Copy of Cashbook Statements of CE*) is misplaced and therefore, can not be accepted inasmuch as what the appellant had requested is the records/data pertaining to the public authority itself and not a personal information of a third party. The requested information is, otherwise, also covered under section-4(1)(b)(x) & (xi) of the RTI Act, 2005. In the result the PIO is directed to furnish the information/documents requested against Sl.No.3(g) to the appellant within 1(one) month from the date of receipt of this order. In the mean time, the PIO is also directed to facilitate the inspection of records/documents by the appellant (as entitled under section 2(j)(i) of the RTI Act) on a mutually convenient date as requested by him in his RTI application. The appellant shall within 1(one) week from the date of receipt of the document/information from the PIO, intimate this Commission of the receipt of the information/documents.

This appeal is disposed of and closed in above terms.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 31st July, 2026

Sd/-
(S. TSERING BAPPU)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

1. The Chief Engineer (PWD), Eastern Zone Namsai District (A.P), the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and compliance by the PIO concerned.
2. The PIO, o/o the CE (PWD), Eastern Zone Namsai District (A.P) PIN: 792103 for information and compliance.
3. Shri Chow Lajamang Mannow, Village-Nanam Khampti, PO-Manmow, Namsai PIN: 792103 Mobile No. 7629857269 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
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar