



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION

ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

Case No. APIC- 776/2025.

APPELLANTS

:Shri Tagar Mibang, Boleng.

RESPONDENT

:The PIO, o/o the (DFO), Pasighat, East Siang District.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tagar Mibang for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the (DFO), Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 20.01.2025:

1.Particular of information: Compensatory Afforestation Fund.

A. Creation of ANR plantation and Maintenance of ANR Plantation.

B. Creation of Artificial Plant and maintenance of Artificial plantation.

Details of information required:

- I. Furnished the certified copy of the Details Project Report (DP(Sanction order and Technical Sanction order estimate.
- II. Furnished the certified copy of the brief description of work location/site and geo-tagging photograph of before, during and after.
- III. Furnished the certified copy of status progress report with mention ongoing work, completed work, with utilization certificate, Completion certificate.
- IV. Furnished the certified copy of newspaper cutting where NIT tender called for execution of site scheme and successful bidder contractor with firm holder
- V. Ensure to fixed the appropriate time for site verification of ongoing work location within 30 days.

Facts emerging from the appeal and decision:

Records in the appeal reveal that the appellant had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information but failed to obtain the same within the statutory period of one month which prompted him to file appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the Chief Conservator of Forest Pasighat, East Siang District, Govt. of A.P. under section 19(1) of the RTI Act vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 25.02.2025.

Records also reveal that the FAA conducted the hearing on 16.05.2025 and passed the following order :

“ORDER

WHEREAS, a complaint has been lodged by Shri Tagar Mibang Village Riga PO:Riga PO Boleng District Siang AP, for non-furnishing of information sought in Form-E Appeal under Section-19(1) of Right to information Act 2005 which was received in this office on 28/02/2025.

WHEREAS, the Appellate Authority is satisfied that there is reasonable ground to hear and dispose off the said complaint under provision of RTI Act 2005.

WHEREAS, 2nd hearing was fixed on dated 16.05.2025 at 1100 hrs in the office of Shri P. Ringu. IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Pasighat vide No. CAC/03/RTI/20252/3351-55 dated 07.05 2025 Accordingly, hearing was conducted on dated 16.05 2025 at 1100 hrs in which both Shri T. Tapok, Asstt. APIO representative of the DFO Cum PIO Pasighat Forest Division and Shri Tagar Mibang Village: Riga PO: Riga PO: Boleng, District Siang AP attended the hearing.

However, the appellant apparently failed yet again to obtain the information and therefore, he preferred 2nd appeal before this Commission under Section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide his memo of appeal dated nil.

In the presence of both the appellant and the respondent, the first Appellate Authority has examine the case and disposed off the case as under

1. The Appellant initially submitted an application without the requisite fee followed by second fresh RTI application with requisite fee on 20.01.2025 Accordingly the PIO vide letter no. PFD/69/RTI/2024/9647-49 dated 31.03.2025 has asked the appellant to deposit a fee of Rs. 706/- being the cost of 353 pages of documents. However, before depositing the fees the appellant filed an appeal to FAA vide his appeal no nil dated 25.02.2025 and refused to collect the papers citing a vogue reason that more then 60 days have passed
2. Therefore, the appellant Shri Tagar Mibang Village: Riga is hereby advised to collect the sought papers from the DFO-CUM-PIO Pasighat by paying necessary fees.

As such the case stand disposed off.

Sd/-
(P. Ringu) IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests
Central Circle, Pasighat cum
(First Appellate Authority)"

However, the appellant filed his 2nd appeal before this Commission under Section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide his memo of appeal dated 13.10.2025 on the ground that the PIO, despite direction by the FAA, did not furnish the requested information.

This appeal was, accordingly, listed for 3(three) times on 11.02.2026, 06.03.2026 and 08.04.2026.

On 11.02.2026, the PIO was absent while the appellant, Shri Tagar Mibang appearing through the VC complained that inspite of payment for the cost of documents amounting to Rs.706.00 for 353 pages through treasury challan to the o/o the PIO as directed by the PIO vide letter dt. 31.03.2025, the PIO did not furnish the requested documents/information. On 06.03.2026, the appellant was present in person but the PIO was again absent without any intimation nor deputed any representative.

This Commission, after hearing the appellant and perusing the PIO's letter dt.31.03.2025 and the FAA's order dt.16.05.2025 requiring the appellant to deposit Rs.706.00 being the cost of 353 pages of documents and also the copy of treasury challan dt.05.06.25 for Rs.706.00 as produced by the appellant, noticed that the PIO was required to provide the requested information to the appellant on or before 19.02.2025 within 30 days of the receipt of the appellant's application dt.20.01.2025 under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act

But the PIO vide his aforesaid letter dt.31.03.25 i.e after expiry of the statutory period of thirty days, had asked the appellant to collect the information by depositing the cost of documents which was in violation of the provisions of the RTI Act.

This Commission, therefore, directed to refund the sum of Rs.706.00 to the appellant and also furnish the requested information /documents to the appellant free of cost as provided under section 7(6) of the RTI Act and report compliance therewith to this Commission on 08.04.2026.

Today on 08.04.2026, the appellant is absent while the PIO, Ms. Jenny Sailo, DFO is present through VC who submitted that the appellant did not turn up to take the refund of his deposit of Rs.706/- and the documents/information in terms of this Commission's order dt.06.03.2026.

This Commission, upon hearing the PIO, presumes that the appellant is no longer interested in the information/documents from the o/o the PIO and hence he did not collect his deposit of Rs. 706/- and the documents. Consequently, this Commission concludes that this appeal does not require any further adjudication in this Commission and accordingly, it stands disposed of and closed.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 8th April, 2026.

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

Memo No. APIC-776/2025 / 1188 Dated Itanagar, the 10 April, 2026

Copy to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Pasighat East Siang District, the First Appellate Authority for information.
2. The PIO, o/o the (DFO) (Territorial), Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P) PIN:791102 for information.
3. Shri Tagar Mibang, Vill. Riga, Boleng, Siang District PIN: 791102 Contact No. 7085466166 for information.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the website of APIC, please.
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