



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)
ITANAGAR

File No. APIC-804/2025(Appeal)

Shri John Tara & Ors

Yupia II, Papumpare District AP
Pin-791110
M-9362558809

Appellant

versus

1. PIO,

O/o Directorate of Geology & Mining
Chandanagar, Itanagar
Papumpare District AP, Pin- 7921111

Respondent-1

2. FAA,

Director Geology & Mining Itanagar
Papumpare District AP
Pin- 792111

Respondent-2

ORDER

Date of Hearing: 23.02.2026

Date of Decision: 23.02.2026

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER : Dani Gamboo

Relevant facts emerging from appeal.

RTI application filed on	:	09.06.2025
SPIO replied on	:	Not on record
First appeal filed on	:	25.09.2025
First Appellate Authority's Order	:	Not on record
Second Appeal filed on	:	23.10.2025

Information sought:

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 09.06.2025 seeking following information regarding Seeking certified information on licenses, financial records, recruitment, appointments, payroll, audit compliance, and administrative accountability from 2010 to present

PART A: Licenses, Permits & Clearances (2010–Present) Provide year-wise, district-wise, and mineral-wise data for the following:

1. Reconnaissance Permits (RP)
2. Prospecting Licenses (PL)
3. Mining Leases (ML)
4. Quarry Leases (QL)
5. Temporary and Bulk Permits
6. Dealer/Trading/Storage Licenses
7. Transport and Transit Passes

For each license/permit/clearance, kindly furnish certified copies of: Name of applicant/entity with PAN and GST details Type, location (GPS coordinates/area) and quantity of mineral granted Dates of application, sanction, validity/expiry Sanctioned Mining Plan Environment Clearance (MoEF/SEIAA) Forest Diversion (if applicable)

Consent to Establish/Operate (Pollution Control Board)

Minutes of internal screening/approval committees

Political recommendations, if any (direct/indirect)

Note: Any refusal to disclose the above citing vague third-party interest or Section 8 will be treated as denial of information, attracting legal proceedings before the State Information Commission and competent High Court under Article 226

PART B: Revenue Realization – Audited and Certified Financial Records Provide mineral-wise, lease-wise, and district-wise certified revenue data from 2010–present for the following:

1. Royalty collections
 2. Dead rent/surface rent
 3. Application and renewal fees
 4. Auction/tender receipts with: Auction notices
Bidding documents
Names of successful bidders
Final bid value and proof of payments
 5. Penalties and fines for: Illegal mining
Unauthorized transport
Other mining violations
 6. Compensation collected for environmental/forest damages
 7. Contributions to: DMF (District Mineral Foundation) – along with utilization statements
NMET (National Mineral Exploration Trust) – with receipts
 8. Income from sale of survey maps, geological reports, and mineral datasets
- Note: Non-disclosure or tampering of certified financial data may amount to serious misconduct and is prosecutable under Sections 218, 204, and 409 IPC.

PART C: Statutory Compliance, Audit Reports & Officer Accountability

Accountability.

1. Copies of all Revenue Audit Reports, AG Audit Notes, CAG Reports, and internal vigilance files (2010 onwards)
2. Files/notifications on: Revision of royalty rates or permit fees
Discretionary exemptions or policy deviations
Amendments to state mineral rules
3. Name-wise list of officers (with post and tenure) involved in:
granting permits/licenses Revenue realization Enforcement, field inspections, and monitoring
4. Copies of all complaints, vigilance actions, disciplinary inquiries, or FIRs registered against departmental officers for corruption, irregularities, or dereliction of duty

PART D: Recruitment, Appointments & Staff Records (2009–Present)

1. Post-wise sanctioned strength under Group A, B, C, D including pay scales
2. Certified Recruitment Rules (RRs) for all categories with: Educational qualifications
Experience criteria
Age limit, probation, and mode of appointment (promotion/deputation/direct)
3. List of all recruitments made (post-wise) since 2009, including: Mode of selection
Copies of advertisements
Composition of selection boards
Recommendations of competent recruitment authority
Whether political/high-level referrals influenced selection
4. Appointments (if any) made without open advertisement, along with file justifications
5. Complete payroll records of all employees since 2009: Pay, allowances, deductions
Authenticated by competent DDO/account officer
6. Audited departmental financial statements (2009–present), certified by AG or government-appointed auditors

PART E: Director Post – Eligibility, Tenure & Recruitment Norms

1. Recruitment Rules (RR) for Director's post – including: Minimum qualifications and experience
Service background (technical/admin)
Tenure, age limit, and pay grade
2. Mode of appointment – whether by direct recruitment, promotion, or deputation
3. Notifications or amendments (if any) modifying the criteria for appointment
4. If the present Director has exceeded tenure or does not meet RR, furnish relevant file noting and justification for continuation

Appellant

: Present. He states that neither the FAA has conducted the hearing nor the PIO has furnished any information to him in spite of Commission's order.

Respondent PIO

: Present. He states that he has not received any RTI application from the appellant. He has received the Form A during the hearing.

F A A

: Absent. He has telephonically conveyed the reason for his absent in hearing.

Decision:

The Commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, and perusal of the records and hearing the parties, observes that the appellant has submitted a letter dated 24.02.2026 which he states that information received from the PIO is up to his satisfaction and requested the commission for closure of his appeal case.

The appeal is disposed of accordingly at this Commission.

Sd/-
Dani Gamboo
Information Commissioner

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