



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**ITANAGAR.**

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

**Case No. APIC- 603/2025.**

**APPELLANT**  
**RESPONDENT**

: Shri John Tara Bakey, G-Sector, Naharlagun.  
: The PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Yachuli, Keyi Panyor District (A.P)

**ORDER**

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri John Tara Bakey for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Yachuli, Keyi Panyor District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 19.05.2025

**A. Particulars of Information:** - Gun License issued since 30.07.2017 to till date.

**B. Details of information required:**

1. Furnish the copy of name of the applicants for issuing of Gun License from 30.07.2017 to till date.
2. Furnish the copies of total numbers of Gun Licenses issued to the applicants from 30.07.2017 to till date.
3. Furnish the copies of Gun Licenses number, if any gun licenses from 30.07.2017 to till date.
4. Furnish a copy of any revocation order of issued of gun license banned by previous, if so.
5. Furnish copies of purchase cash Memo of the licenses holder deposited at DC, office.

**For the period from:** 30.07.2017 to till date.

**Facts emerging from the appeal:**

Records reveal that the Appellant did not receive the aforementioned information sought by him from the PIO in view of which he approached the F.A.A, the Deputy Commissioner, Yachuli, Keyi Panyor District, Govt. of A.P, under section 19 (1) of the RTI Act vide his Appeal Memo dated 27/06/25. But the appellant, apparently, failed to obtain the requested information or any response from the FAA. Hence, this 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before this Commission under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005, vide his Memo of Appeal dated 29.07.25.

**Hearing and decision:**

This appeal was listed for 3(three) times on 24.09.25, 29.10.2025 and 06.02.2026. On 24.09.25 none of the parties appeared despite summon notices but on 29.10.2025, the appellant, Shri John Tara Bakey appeared and the PIO, o/o DC, Keyi Panyor, Yachuli was represented by Shri Taba Tahin, Statistical Officer and Shri Harshdeep, Under Trainee C.O, o/o D.C, Keyi Panyor, Yachuli.

This Commission then heard the representatives of the PIO who submitted, inter alia, that though the o/o the DC, Keyi Panyor District which was constituted in the year 2023 received the applications for gun license, no new gun license has so far been issued by the o/o the DC, Keyi Panyor District.

This Commission on finding that the information /documents sought for by the appellant were not exempted under any of the exemption clauses under section 8(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, directed the PIO o/o the D.C, Keyi Panyor District to get the list containing the names of applicants for gun license typed from the register and furnish the same to the appellant.

The PIO was also directed to furnish the point-wise information/replies to other queries in tabular form within 1(one) month from the date of receipt of the order dt.29.10.2025 which was received by Shri Taba Tahin and Shri Harshdeep on 30.10.25 through whatsapp.

The appellant, however, vide letter dt. 25.11.25 complained that the PIO has not complied with this Commission's aforesaid order and hence demanded penal action against the PIO.

This Commission, taking serious view of the non-compliance of its order, directed the PIO, vide order dt. 28.11.25, to furnish the requested information as directed earlier within 3(three) weeks from the date of receipt of order and report the compliance thereof on 24.12.2025, the next date of hearing. The said order was received by the representatives of the PIO on 02.12.2024.

On 24.12.2025, however, no one appeared from the o/o the PIO but the appellant, Shri John Tara Bakey was present who reiterated his demand for the requested information and also compensation from the PIO for harassment he has suffered in attending the hearings.

The non-furnishing of the requested information by the PIO despite repeated directions of the Commission and non-appearance in the hearings is serious violation of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and blatant disrespect to this Commission entailing penal action prescribed under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 as well as compensation to the appellant under section 19(8)(b) of the Act.

In the premises as above, the PIO, o/o the D.C, was directed again *for last and final time* to comply with the direction of this Commission as contained in earlier order dt.29.10.2025 and report compliance thereof to this Commission on 06.02.2026 so as not to compel this Commission initiate penal action against him/her.

Today on 06.02.2026, the appellant is present in person while the PIO is again represented by Shri Taba Tahin, Statistical Officer, o/o D.C, Keyi Panyor with the copy of letter dt.02.02.2026 from the PIO, Shri Likha Teji, ADC enclosing therein the information (Annexure-A) being furnished to the appellant in compliance with this Commission's order dt. 29.10.2025 and dt.26.12.2026.

Heard the parties.

The appellant, expressing his disappointment over the non-furnishing of the requested information/documents by the o/o the PIO and subjecting him to attend the repeated hearing in the Commission, reiterated his prayer for imposing penalty on the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act and also adequate compensation to him under section 19(8)(b) for which he has also made a written submission demanding a sum of Rs.8100.00.

This Commission perused the replies/information vide Annexure-A as enclosed in the PIO's aforesaid letter dt.02.02.2026 whereupon it is noticed that the PIO has furnished the replies to query No 2 and 3 (names of Licensees and other details and number of gun license respectively). However, against query Nos. 1,4 and 5, the replies are 'Not Available'. The PIO also furnished a detailed explanation on his inability to furnish the replies/information against query Nos. 1,4 and 5.

In this regard, this Commission deems it appropriate to bring the attention of the PIO to the mandate of RTI Act, 2005 under {section -7(8)(i) of the RTI Act that when an information is denied to the applicant, the reason thereof has to be communicated to the applicant to his satisfaction. And as mandated by section-18(3)(c) of the RTI Act and under rule- 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005, the submission/reply of the PIO has to be furnished/declared by way of an affidavit sworn in by the PIO and not by way on undertaking.

The PIO is, therefore, directed to furnish his replies/explanation for denial of the requested information by way of an affidavit sworn in by himself.

This Commission also concludes that the appellant has made out a case for compensation for having suffered mental harassment and subjecting him to avoidable expenditure towards repeated hearing. As such the PIO is also directed to pay compensation of Rs.5000.00 (Rupees five thousand) only to the appellant as against his demand for Rs.8100.00 (Rupees eight thousand one hundred) only.

The PIO shall comply with the above directions within 1(one) of the receipt of the order with intimation to this Commission.

This appeal is disposed of and closed in above terms.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

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

Memo No. APIC-603/2025/1070 Dated Itanagar, the 10 February, 2026

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2. The PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Yachuli, Keyi Panyor District, Govt. of A.P (Pin code-791119), for information and compliance.
3. Shri John Tara Bakey, G-Sector, Naharlagun, PO/PS, Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, (Pin code-791110), (Phone No. 9362558809) for information.
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