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RIGHT TO INFORMATION

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH
An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Vide Case No.APIC-634/2025

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

Shri Phasang Khussang & John Tara Bakey ..... **Appellant**

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Department of Eart Science & Himalayan Studies,
Itanagar, Papum Pare District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh ..... **Respondent.**

Order: **22.10.2026**.

JUDGEMENT

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellants, Shri Jhon Tara Bakey on **0/06/2025** filed an RTI application in form 'A' before the PIO-O/o the Center for Earth Science and Himalayan Studies, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellants being not receiving the information from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09/07/2025**. Appellants again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 19**/08/2025,** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC- No. 634**/A/2025** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **27/11/2025, 02/07/2026 & 22/10/2026.**

Details of Information sought from the PIO;

1. Post-wise sanctioned strength and vacancy position of CES&HS (permanent, contractual, project-based).
2. Certified Recruitment Rules (RRs) for each sanctioned post.
3. Copies of all public advertisements/notifications issued for recruitment (print/electronic).
4. Detailed appointment records for the 34 allegedly illegally recruited staff, including:
5. Appointment letters
6. RR applicability
7. Selection board details with attendance
8. Interview sheets, score sheets, approval notes
9. Recommendations made and authority approving each appointment
10. Declaration of relation (if any) to any CES&HS officer
11. Honorarium/contractual payments
12. TA/DA, advances, and consultancy payouts
13. Project Sanctions & Execution
14. List of all state and central government-funded projects sanctioned during 2022-2025.
15. For each project, provide:
16. Sanction order, funding source, and project cost
17. DPR, execution agency, geo-tagged location photos
18. MoUs, tenders, work orders, and signed agreements
19. Installment-wise fund release orders
20. Measurement Books (MBS), UC, audit inspections
21. Beneficiary details or outcome reports
22. Procurement & Financial Compliance
23. Details of all tenders floated, contracts awarded, and procurement undertaken:
24. Mode of tender (open/limited/single), NIT number.
25. Comparative statement, selection basis
26. Supplier/contractor details, payment status, completion certificate

27. AG Audit Reports (2022-2025)
28. Departmental audit notes, red flags (if any)
29. LOC copies, surrender statements
30. Annual budget and expenditure statements.
31. Weather Monitoring Projects (WMP)
32. Details of all WMPs (executed/ongoing):
33. Sanction letter, DPR, cost, location.
34. Equipment details, supplier invoice, maintenance agency
35. Output/utilization report
36. Officer/agency in charge of monitoring
37. Governance & Legal Responsibility
38. Vetted audit/appointment/payroll files
39. Vigilance complaints (if any) against the Director or officers Internal inquiries or disciplinary proceedings initiated
40. Record of conflict-of-interest disclosures
41. Additional Requests (Suomotu)
42. Any record of recruitment/appointment made without advertisement or DPC.
43. Full bank account details (purpose-wise) of CES&HS partially masked for security.
44. Copy of MOU or agreement with any private agency/NGO/consultant during this period.
45. Record of physical inspections or field visits conducted for any state or central project.
46. File noting explaining why standard procedures were bypassed, if applicable.

In the 3rd hearing held on 22nd Oct'2026, related to the **APIC No-634/A/2026.** The Appellants absent for the 3rd consecutive time without reporting their reason for absence in the hearing despite summons issued to them to be present in the hearing on **17/09/2025, 28/11/2025 and 13/08/2026.**

The PIO represented by Shri Koj Obin Research Associate, Centre for Earth Science Studies, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

Heard the Representative of the PIO.

The representative of the PIO stated that office of the PIO has sent the information through registered post on **16/10/2026** at the address of the Appellants as given in their form'A'.

As per the postal service's report the register letter containing the information have been delivered and received at the destination on 21/10/2026.

The PIO has provided whatever information the Appellants have sought and there is no remaining information to be furnished to the Appellants.

After hearing the representative of the PIO, the Commission hereby observes;

i) The Commission has gone through the exhibits of the registered letter details as well as the delivered and receipt record of the same registered letter containing the information and Commission is of the considered opinion that the PIO has carried out his duty as defined and required under the RTI Act 2005.

ii) The consecutive absence of the Appellants in all these 3(three) hearings without reporting the reason for their absence clearly shows that the Appellants are not serious on their appeal rather they have filed this Appeal with vested interest and simply to harass the office of the PIO.

Under the above observations and recording the statements of the representative of the PIO as well as going through the exhibits as presented by the representative of the PIO, the Commission is convinced that the information have been provided to the Appellants and now there is no further need to hear this Appeal any more.

Therefore, this Appeal is hereby by disposed of and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this **22nd day of October' 2026.**

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this **22nd h day of October' 2026.**

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-634/A/2025 /175 **Dated Itanagar, the 26 October, 2026.**

Copy to:

1. PIO-Cum-Dept. of Earth Science & Himalayan Studies, Itanagar, P/Pare District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:791111**
2. Shri Phasssang Khussang & John Tara Bakey, G-Sector, Naharlagun, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 9362558809**
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28.10.26

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Itanagar