

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide Case No.APIC-315/2025

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

Shri Riya Taram & Others

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, RWD, Miao, Changlang District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 25.09.2025.

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 Riya Taram and others on 29/01/2025 filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-EE, RWD, Singchung Division, West Kameng District, 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 21/02/2025. The Appellants again having not received the required information even after order from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 09/04/2025 and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. 315/A/2025 (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on 25.09.2025 wherein the Appellants are absent without informing the Commission about their absence, whereas notice for today's hearing was sent to the Appellants on 12.06.2025.

The PIO-cum-Executive Engineer, RWD, Singchung Division, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is present through online mode during the hearing before the Commission.

Judgment:

The Commission convened to consider the appeal as put forth by the Appellants, who were absent from the proceedings without any prior intimation regarding their absence.

The PIO, present through online mode, provided the following submissions:

- The same appeal had previously been dismissed by the First Appellate Authority (FAA) due to the absence of the Appellants during the hearing. i)
- The Information Commissioner, Shri Dani Gumbo, had also dismissed this case, creating confusion to the PIO regarding why this appeal is being heard anew. ii)

Upon reviewing the submissions made by the PIO, the Commission noted the following:

- The Appellants failed to attach a copy of the FAA's judgment with their appeal, which is a mandatory requirement for filing a second appeal according to i) procedural law and the judgment being the cause for the second appeal.
- It is clearly stipulated in the relevant procedural civil laws that any plaint must not be deficient in necessary documents required to substantiate an appeal. ii)

Given the inadequacy of the mandated documentation and considering the absence of the Appellants without any communication, the Commission is compelled to dismiss the appeal.

Conclusion:

In light of the above observations and following the procedural requirements, the appeal lodged by the Appellants is hereby dismissed.

Order:

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 25th day of September' 2025. Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 25th day of September' 2025.

Sd/-(Vijay Taram) State Information Commissioner APIC-Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar, theOctober, 2025.

- 1. PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, RWD, Singchung, W/Kameng District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. Pin Code-
- 2. Shri Riya Taram & Others, C/o Riyang Store near Catholic Church Jollang, Itanagar, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. Contact No.

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