



**ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

**An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005**

**Vide Case No.APIC-878/2025**

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

Shri Tai Shiva & Others

..... Appellant

**-VERSUS-**

PIO-O/O Deputy Director of Rural Development (DDRD),  
Ziro, Lower Subansiri District,  
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

**Order:21.04.2026.**

**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 Tai Shiva, Bengia Mangming, Kaling Tabi & Ngaker Jumken on **12/08/2025** filed an RTI application in Form 'A' before the PIO-cum- Deputy Director of Rural development (DDRD), 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 **19/09/2025**, and even then, the Appellants not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **28/11/2025** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as **APIC-No. 878/A/2025** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> hearing held on **21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026**. The Appellants Shri Tai Shiva and Ngaker Jumken are present during the hearing, the PIO-O/O-Deputy Director of Rural Development (DDRD) presently renaming.

**Heard the Appellant;**

The Appellant stated before the Commission, that out of the information sought by the Appellants some of the information have been provided to them save, the ST Certificate, PRC & Education Certificate of Shri Pisa Tapok alias Suraj Kumar Chetry. If the PIO to furnish this 3(three) certificates/documents/information that need of Form' A application of the Appellants.

**Heard the PIO,**

The PIO stated that the information available with his office of the PIO have been furnished to the Appellants and sent through register sped post to the Appellants address on 6/4/2026.

**After hearing both the parties the Commission here by observes**

This hearing pertains to a second appeal filed under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) by a group of four individuals, collectively seeking information from the PIO-O/O-Director, Labour and Employment, Itanagar Govt. of A.P.

The first appellate authority had dismissed the initial application on the grounds of non appearance of the appellants in the hearing, leading to the present appeal.

**Issues:**

The primary issue for consideration in this appeal is the propriety of the joint application filed by four individuals, which is contrary to the provisions outlined under the RTI Act 2005.

**Judgment:**

Upon careful consideration of the appeal and relevant provisions of the RTI Act, it is evident that the Act explicitly allows for an application to be filed by a single individual only, as evident in section 6(1) of the RTI Act 2005 and which states:

"A person who desires to obtain any information under this Act shall make a request in writing or through electronics means in English or Hindi or in the official language of the area in which the application has been made to the PIO."

The use of the term "person" in the singular indicates that applications must be submitted by individuals and not by groups or collectives. The joint application filed by the four appellants lacks the legal standing as stipulated by the Act and, therefore, is deemed improper.

In light of this, the appeal filed by the group of four is hereby dismissed due to the improper filing of the application.

However, the appellants are granted liberty to file separate applications individually for the information sought, as per the provisions of the RTI Act. Each appellant may submit a fresh RTI application to the concerned authority, adhering to the legal requirements and ensuring that their requests are processed in accordance with the law.

**Order:**

This second appeal is dismissed on the grounds of improper filing. The appellants are suggested to pursue their requests separately as per the provisions of the RTI Act.

And therefore, this appeal as well as the other appeals preferred by the same group of people are dismissed herewith.

The rest appeals heard before APIC bearing No. 875/A/2025, 877/A/2025 & 876/A/2025 are also hereby dismissed along with the instant appeal bearing No. 878/A/2025.

In view of the above facts and circumstances this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this **21<sup>st</sup> day of April' 2026.**

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on **this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.**

Sd/-

**(Vijay Taram)**  
State Information Commissioner  
APIC-Itanagar

**Memo.No.APIC-878/A/2025/P234** **Dated Itanagar, the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.**

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