

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC) ITANAGAR

(Before the Hon'ble Information Commissioner Mr. Genom Tekseng)

AN APPEAL UNDER SECTION 19 (3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

APIC-No.758/2022(Appeal)

Sh. G.F Rimo, Papu-II, Near Abo Prayer Centre Naharlagun, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh. (M) 7629828309. **Pin: 791110**.

Appellant

Respondent

-Versus-

The PIO-Cum-EE, Department of PHE & WS Division Seppa, East Kameng District Arunachal Pradesh. **Pin: 790102**.

Date of hearing: - 19.01.2024 Date of decision: - 19.01.2024.

FACTS OF THE CASE:

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 15.09.2022 demanding information relating to **supply of GI pipes and other works under JJM** in East Kameng District. The PIO did not reply. The appellant then filed a First Appeal dated 20.10.2022. First Appellate Authority's (FAA) order, if any, is not available on record. Feeling aggrieved, the appellant approached this commission though this Second Appeal.

FACTS EMERGING DURING THE HEARING:

After receipt of the Second Appeal notices were issued to the parties to appear on 10.03.2023. The PIO was absent on 10.03.2023. The appellant appeared before the commission and submitted that the PIO did not furnish reply to his application. The commission after hearing the appellant directed the PIO to provide complete information and appear on 12.05.2023 which was re-scheduled and fixed for hearing on 08.06.2023. None appeared on 08.06.2023. The commission adjourned the hearing to 25.08.2023 with direction to the PIO to furnish the information within 3 weeks from the issue of the said order.

The appellant did not appear on 25.08.2023. The PIO was, though absent, represented by Shri **Tado Gyadi**. Shri T.Gyadi appeared along with the information and requested for permission of the commission to hand over the same to the appellant. The appellant was not present to receive the information. However, the appellant was heard through audio hearing. During the hearing the appellant agreed to collect the information from office of the PIO, Seppa. The commission after hearing both the parties directed the appellant to collect the information from the PIO's office, Seppa and adjourned the case to 27.10.2023. None appeared on 27.10.2023. The commission after perusal of record again directed the appellant to collect the information from the office of the PIO, Seppa. The hearing was adjourned to 19.01.2024.

The matter is being heard today. The appellant is again absent without any intimation to the commission. The PIO is also absent. However, Shri Tado Gyadi, JE-Cum-APIO has appeared before the commission and submitted that the appellant has not visited the office of the PIO, Seppa for collection of the information.

It is observed from a perusal of record that this commission vide order dated **25.08.2023 and 27.10.2023** directed the appellant to collect the information from the PIO's office, **Seppa** and despite repeated orders of the commission the appellant has not collected the information. The facts that the appellant has refused to collect the information from the office of the PIO, even after repeated direction from the commission goes to show that the appellant is merely a habitual RTI applicant with no intention of giving access to the information.

DECISION:

In view of the foregoing, this commission has no choice but to **dismiss** the appeal. No further action lies.

Copy of this order be supplied to the parties.

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