



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No. APIC-188/2026

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

Shri Sama Bagang

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Divisional Forest Officer,
Khellong, West Kameng District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 20.08.2026.

JUDGMENT

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellant, Shri Sama Bagnag on **03/10/2025** filed an RTI application in form 'A' before the PIO-cum-Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Khellong forest division, Bhalukpong, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in his Form 'A' application. The Appellant being not received the required information from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20/11/2025**. Appellant again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **06/02/2026** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC- No. **188/A/2026** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **04.06.2026 & 20.08.2026**, wherein the Appellant is absent without mentioning the reason for his absence in today's hearing, whereas, he was present in the last hearing and heard the pronouncement of today's hearing in the court of this Commission on 4th day of June' 2026.

The PIO-cum-DFO, Khellong Forest Division, Bhalukpong, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is represented by Shri Tanga Murtem, Range Forest Officer (RFO) with a authority letter from the PIO-cum-DFO, Khellong Forest Division, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

Heard the representative of the PIO;

The representative of the PIO stated that the PIO has furnished the information which was ordered by the Commission in the last hearing pertaining to the information listed under Serial Nos. 6, 9 and 10 of the Form-A of the Appellant, the same information(s) have been posted through registered post at the address of the Appellant as given in the Form-A with a covering letter dated 06.07.2026 addressed to the Appellant from the PIO.

Regarding the information under Serial Nos. 3, 4 and 5 of the Form-A of the Appellant, the PIO has written to the particular individuals/department staffs whether their personal document can be provided to a THIRD PARTY or not, and in this regard, the respective individuals have written back to the PIO-cum-DFO, Khellong Forest Division, Bhanukpong, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh not to share their personal and private information to any 3rd party/individual.

Taking serious view of the absence of the Appellant in the hearing despite in the know of today's hearing, the Commission hereby observes;

- 1) The representative of the PIO has exhibited all the documents that have been sent from the office of the PIO to the Appellant.
- 2) The exhibits presented by the representative of the PIO amply shows that the information as ordered by the court of this Commission have been furnished to the Appellant and sent to him through Registered Post on 7th day of July' 2026, as per the correspondence details exhibited by the representative of the PIO.

- 3) The absence of the Appellant without reporting the reason for his absence in the hearing, despite in the know of today's hearing fixed, signifies that the Appellant is not serious on his appeal or else the Appellant might have received the information by now which was sent to him through Registered Post by the PIO on 07.07.2026.

Taking into cognizance of the above statement of the representative of the PIO as well as the observations made by the Commission, while taking into consideration the exhibits shown by the representative of the PIO in the court today, the Commission is of the opinion that the PIO has complied with the order of the Commission and provided the information to the Appellant as ordered, and therefore, the Commission does not find any wisdom in further hearing of this appeal, and considering the willful absence of the Appellant, seriously the Commission hereby dispose of this appeal and close it once for all.

In view of the above facts and circumstances the Commission, find this appeal fit to be disposed of and closed. And accordingly this appeal stands disposed of and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this **20th day of August' 2026**.

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this **20th day of August' 2026**.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-188/A/2026 /54

Dated Itanagar, the 24th August, 2026.

Copy to:

1. PIO-Cum-DFO, Khellong, W/Kameng District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:790114**
2. Shri Sama Bagang, Vivek Vihar, Itanagar, P/Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 8794606310**
- ✓ 3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC and mail it to the concerned department please.
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Deputy Registrar
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