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## ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-214/2025

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

Shri Mamu Sono

..... Appellant

**-VERSUS-**

PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, PWD,  
Kalaktang, West Kameng District,  
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

**Order: 27.11.2025.**

### **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 Appellant Shri Mamu Sono on **19/10/2024** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-EE, PWD, Kalaktang Division, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellant being not receiving the information from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26/11/2024**, and even then, the Appellant not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **24/02/2025** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **214/A/2025** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **12.06.2025, 23.09.2025 & 27.11.2025** wherein the Appellant found absent during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing on 23.09.2025, and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> hearing on 27.11.2025, without intimating the reasons for his absence to the Commission.

The PIO-cum-EE, PWD, Kalaktang Division, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is present during the hearing before the Commission.

#### **Heard the PIO;**

The PIO stated that despite the order from the court of this Commission on 12.06.2025 to the Appellant to collect the information from the office of the PIO, the Appellant has not collected the information copies till now.

In the absence of the Appellant and going through the Form-A application of the Appellant, **the Commission hereby observes;**

i) The Appellant, Shri Mamu Sono, absent despite notice for today's hearing served upon him on 23.09.2025. It is to be noted that being the Appellant he has absented consecutively in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hearings before the Commission, without intimating the reasons for his absence, to the Commission.

Further, it is to be noted that on 12<sup>th</sup> June' 2025 upon the PIO's submission that some of the information as sought by the Appellant have been sent through Registered Post to the address of the Appellant and some information that were not sent through Post are ready at the office of the PIO and the Appellant is at will to collect the same information from the office of the PIO on any office working day.

After hearing the submission of the PIO, Commission had ordered the Appellant to collect the rest of the information which have not been sent through Postal Service by the PIO.

It is also to be noted that on 23<sup>rd</sup> September' 2025 the PIO submitted that in the office of the PIO there are 25 Nos. of RTI applications from the same Appellant, out of which information for 11 Nos. of applications have already been posted through Registered Post at the address of the Appellant, and information for the remaining 14 Nos. applications are ready at the office of the PIO, to be provided to the Appellant.



And on 23.09.2025 in the absence of the Appellant the court of this Commission issued notice to the Appellant along with a strict order to the Appellant to be present in the next hearing without fail and failing which this appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte.

1. Despite serving of prior notice for hearings, the repeated absence of the Appellant without informing the reason for his absence to the Commission, undermines the Procedural Laws as well as the RTI, Act, 2005 and the establishment of Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC).
2. The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission operates on principles of transparency and accountability, which necessitates cooperation from all parties involved especially, the Appellant(s).
3. The repeated absence of the Appellant has led to a significant waste of the Public Information Officer's (PIO) resources and the time of the Commission who have prepared for these hearings in good faith, only to have hearings adjourned due to the Appellant's lack of participation.
4. The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), therefore finds that the Appellant has demonstrated a consistent disregard for the proceedings of the hearing by failing to appear in the hearings without any reasonable justification.

Under the above stated facts and circumstances the Commission hereby decides;

1. Pursuant to the absence of the Appellant in the Second hearing held on 23.09.2025, and today in the 3<sup>rd</sup> hearing his consecutive absence makes the Commission believe that he is not serious on his appeal, for the fact that despite repeated notice to be present in the hearing of his appeal, he has absented from attending the court hearing without submitting his reason for absence, to the Commission which implies contempt to the notice issued from this court and a sign of non seriousness in pursuing his appeal.
2. Under the above circumstances and following the procedural laws the Commission hereby dismiss this instant appeal ex-parte.

**Order;**

In view of the above facts and circumstances the Commission dismiss this Appeal ex-parte. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all, with no liberty given to the Appellant to file fresh application to the PIO, for the same set of information.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November' 2025.

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November' 2025.

Sd/-

**(Vijay Taram)**


State Information Commissioner  
APIC-Itanagar

**Memo.No.APIC-214/A/2025/1005**

**Dated Itanagar, the 05<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.**

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1. PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, PWD, Kalaktang, W/Kameng District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:790002**
2. Shri Mamu Sono, Sood Village, Naharlagun, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 9436215521**
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