

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-42/2026

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

Shri Tamchi Gungte

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, RWD,
Tawang div. Tawang District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 25.08.2026.

JUDGMENT FOR DISMISSING THE APPEAL

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 Tamchi Gungte on **18/09/2025** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (EE), RWD, Tawang Division, Tawang 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 **03/11/2025**, and even then, the Appellant not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **05/01/2026** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having received the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **42/A/2026** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter come up for hearing before the Commission on **25.08.2026**, wherein the Appellant is present during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-EE, RWD, Tawang Division, Tawang District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is absent without reporting the reason for his absence.

In the first hearing today held on 25.08.2026;

This second appeal has been preferred by Shri Tamchi Gungte (hereinafter "the Appellant") against the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer, RWD Tawang Division (hereinafter "the Respondent") regarding the non-furnishing of information requested vide Form 'A' application dated 24.09.2025.

The matter is taken up for the first hearing today. The Commission has perused the records and the underlying RTI application submitted by the Appellant.

1. Brief Facts:

The Appellant, through a single RTI application, has sought a vast array of information comprising 14 distinct categories covering a period of 10 (ten) long years. The request pertains to every single work executed by the RWD, Tawang Division over the last decade.

2. Observations and Findings:

Upon careful examination of the nature and scope of the information sought, the Commission observes the following:

- a) **Vagueness and Scale:** The application is excessively voluminous and lacks specificity. Section 6(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005, mandates that a person who desires to obtain information shall make a request specifying the particulars of the information sought. A blanket request for "all works" over a "10-year period" is not "specific" but fishing and roving in nature.
- b) **Disproportionate Diversion of Resources:** Section 7(9) of the RTI Act states that information shall ordinarily be provided in the form in which it is sought unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority. Collation of data for 14 categories across 10 years of every project in a division would require the PIO to abandon their primary executive duties to cater solely to this request. This effectively paralyzes the functioning of the RWD Tawang Division.
- c) **Abuse of Process:** The RTI Act is a tool for transparency and accountability in public interest. However, requesting such an astronomical volume of data without demonstrating any specific nexus to public interest suggests an intent to harass the PIO and the Public Authority. The Commission views such "shotgun" applications as an abuse of the law for vested interests rather than the advancement of democratic transparency.
- d) **Time Constraint:** The Act mandates providing information within 30 days. It is physically and administratively impossible for any PIO to verify, photocopy, and attest thousands of pages of records spanning a decade within the statutory timeframe.

3. Decision:

The Commission finds that the Appellant is wasting the precious time of this Commission and the Public Authority. Frequent filing of such voluminous and ambiguous applications across various departments indicates a pattern of harassment.

In view of the above, the Second Appeal is hereby DISMISSED in the first hearing.

4. Furthermore, this Commission directs that other similar appeals filed by the same Appellant against different PIOs, which share this characteristic of being overly voluminous and non-specific, shall also be subject to dismissal on the same grounds to prevent the waste of administrative time.

5. Liberty to the Appellant:

While the current appeal is dismissed, the Appellant is granted liberty to file a fresh, refined, and specific RTI application. The Appellant is advised to narrow down the scope to specific projects, specific years, or specific documents so that the information can be provided without crippling the resources of the State.

In view of the above facts and circumstances the Commission dismiss this Appeal. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open court of this Commission today on this 25th day of August' 2026.

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 25th day of August' 2026.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner

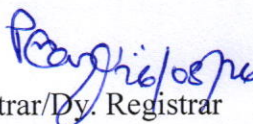
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Dated Itanagar, the 25th August, 2026.

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1. PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, RWD, Tawang Div. Tawang District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:790104**
2. Shri Tamchi Gungte, Near KV-II School Chimpu, Itanagar, P/Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 9233567279**
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