



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-56/2026

**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,
Singchung, West Kameng District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 25.08.2026.

JUDGMENT

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI, Act, 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellant, Shri Tamchi Gungte on **17/09/2025** filed an RTI application in form 'A' before the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (EE), RWD, Singchung Division, 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 **18/10/2025**. Appellant again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **05/01/2026** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC- No. **56/A/2026** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came 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, Singchung Division, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is present through online mode.

1. Background and Brief Facts:

The matter came up for its first hearing before this Commission today, the 25th of August 2026. During the proceedings, the Commission took note of the previous developments in the case. Records indicate that the information sought was previously deliberated upon at the level of the First Appellate Authority (FAA). On 24.02.2026, during the hearing conducted by the First Appellate Authority, the PIO reportedly furnished and handed over the documents/information to the Appellant.

2. Submission of the Appellant:

During today's hearing, the Appellant appeared before the Commission and admitted to having received the information from the PIO on 24.02.2026. However, the Appellant submitted that he has not yet gone through the information provided. Consequently, he stated that he is unable to confirm whether the information provided by the PIO is complete, correct, or satisfactory in accordance with his original RTI application.

3. Observations of the Commission:

The Commission observes that a period of exactly four months has elapsed since the Appellant received the information on 24.02.2026. Despite this substantial duration, the Appellant's admission that he has not yet reviewed the documents indicates a significant lack of seriousness and diligence in pursuing the matter.

The RTI Act is intended for citizens who are genuinely seeking information for transparency and accountability. A delay of four months in merely reviewing the provided documents while keeping an appeal pending before the Commission is viewed as an evidentiary lack of interest by the Appellant.

Given the passage of time and the lack of any specific objections or deficiency memos filed by the Appellant during the intervening months, the Commission finds it appropriate to grant the PIO a procedural advantage. The Commission, therefore, presumes that the information furnished by the PIO on 24.02.2026 is complete and fulfills the requirement of the RTI application.

4. Final Decision:

In view of the above observations, the Commission finds no merit in keeping this appeal pending for further hearings. The purpose of the RTI Act request appears to have been met by the PIO's submission and furnishing the information to the Appellant at the FAA stage.

And therefore, it is hereby ordered that:

- a) This Second Appeal is disposed of.
- b) The case is closed once and 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 **25th day of August' 2026**.

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this **25th day of August 2026**.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner

APIC-Itanagar

Dated Itanagar, the 25th August, 2026.

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1. PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, RWD, Singchung, W/Kameng District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:790116**
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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