



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)
ITANAGAR**

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

APIC-No.29/2022(Appeal)

Shri Mamu Sono, Sood Village,
Naharlagun, PO/PS: Naharlagun,
Papumpare District, Arunachal
Pradesh.(Ph.no.6909739088/9436215521).

Appellant

--Versus--

PIO-cum-EE, RWD, Seppa Division, East
Kameng District Arunachal Pradesh.

Respondent

Date of hearing:-22-12-2023.

Date of decision: 22-12-2023.

FACTS OF THE CASE

Brief facts of the case is that the appellant filed an RTI application dated 28.10.2021 seeking information regarding **PMGSY road (stage I, II & III) Hari bridge to Koto under RWD, Seppa East Kameng District. The EEO & PIO, RWD, Seppa** did not provide reply to the RTI application. Aggrieved appellant filed the first Appeal on **30.11.2021**. The First Appellate Authority's (FAA) did not pass any order on his first appeal. Having received no relief from the FAA, the appellant approached the commission with the instant second appeal.

FACTS EMERGING DURING THE HEARING:

After receipt of the Second Appeal notices were issued to the parties to appear on 08.04.2022. The appellant alone appeared on 08.04.2022. Hearing was adjourned to 13.05-2022.

The appellant alone appeared on 13.05.2022 and submitted that the PIO did not furnish the information. The PIO was not present to contest the submission made by the appellant. The commission after hearing the appellant directed the PIO to furnish complete information to the appellant immediately and adjourned the case to **17.06.2022**.

The appellant appeared on 17-06-2023 and submitted that the information had not been furnished to him in spite of orders of the commission. The PIO was represented by **Sri D. Sora, AE. Sri D. Sora** submitted that required information is kept ready in the PIO's office but the appellant did not visit the office for collection. The commission after hearing both the parties directed the PIO to appear on 26-08-2022 along with the information. The appellant appeared on 26-08-2022. The PIO was represented by Sri D. Sora, AE. Sri D. Sora appeared along with the information requested for permission to handover the information to the appellant which was granted and accordingly information was handed over to the appellant. The commission adjourned the hearing to 28-10-2022 with direction to the appellant to verify the information provided and send a written submission to the PIO expressing his satisfaction or dissatisfaction regarding the information.

None appeared on 28-10-2022. Hearing of the case was adjourned to 27-01-2023 due to absence of both the parties. The appellant appeared on 27-01-2023 and stated that PIO had furnished partial information. The commission after considering the submission of the appellant

directed the PIO to furnish complete information (**stage i, ii, & iii of PMGSY road Hari Bridge to Koto**) within 15 days from the issue of the said order. The commission adjourned the hearing to 14-04-2023 which was again adjourned to 09-06-2023.

Appellant alone appeared on 09-06-2023. The PIO had neither provided the information nor appeared before the commission during the hearing. The commission decided to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO for non-compliance of the order of the commission under section 20(1) of the RTI act. The order to this effect was issued on 09-06-2023 and the case was fixed for hearing on 01.09.2023. The PIO was also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice before **01-09-2023**.

The appellant alone appeared on 01.09.2023 and submitted that in spite of repeated orders of the commission the PIO had not furnished the information sought in his RTI application. The PIO did not avail of the opportunity to plead his case in person or through his representative despite being given opportunity to do so. No written reply was also received from the PIO. For non compliance of the commission's order a penalty of Rs 25000/- was imposed upon the PIO Shri Marto Riba. The PIO was directed to comply with the above directions of the commission within 30 days and appear on 03.11.2023. Appellant alone appeared on 03.11.2023. The PIO was absent without any intimation to the commission. The commission adjourned the cast to 22.12.2023.

Instant matter is being heard today. The appellant alone appears before the commission. The appellant has submitted that he met the PIO on 01.12.2023 and discussed the matter and the PIO has assured to provide the remaining information within a short period of time. The appellant has also requested the commission to dispose of the case. He has further informed the commission that the penalty of Rs 25000/- was deposited on 14.12.2023 and produced a copy of the treasury challan dated 14.12.2023.

DECISION:

Keeping in view the facts of the case and written submission dated 20.12.2023 of the appellant placed before the commission and submissions made by the appellant during the hearing, the commission observes that the PIO has complied with the directions of the commission. No further action lies. Instant appeal stands disposed of accordingly.

Copy of this order be supplied to the parties,

Sd/-
(Genom Tekseng)
Information Commissioner

Memo No.APIC-29/2022/1245

Dated Itanagar the 22nd January, 2024.

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