

# ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide Case No.APIC-190/2024

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

..... Appellant

## -VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, PHE&WS, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 04.12.2025.

Shr Pisa Tapam

## **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 Pisa Tapam filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-EE, PHE & WS, Dept. Koloriang Division, Kurung Kumey 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), and even then, the Appellant not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 18/09/2024 and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. 190/R/2025 (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on 28.01.2025, 01.04.2025, 26.08.2025 & 04.12.2025 wherein the Appellant is present through online mode during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-EE, PHE & WS, Koloriang Division, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, found absent repeatedly in all the hearings of this appeal without intimating to the Commission, the reasons for his inability to attend the hearing before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC).

#### **Background:**

This order addresses the second appeal filed by Shri Pisa Tapam against the Public Information Officer (PIO) cum Executive Engineer, PHE&WS, Koloriang Division, owing to the latter's failure to provide requested information under the Right to Information Act, 2005. The PIO has been absent in hearings on four consecutive occasions, despite multiple notices sent regarding the hearings.

#### **Considerations:**

In light of the consistent absence of the PIO and his failure to comply with the statutory requirements outlined in the RTI Act, the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) find it necessary to address this matter expeditiously to uphold the principles of transparency and accountability integral to the RTI framework.

#### Order:

The appeal is hereby disposed of with the following directives:

i) The PIO cum Executive Engineer is directed to provide complete information as requested by the appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam, within one month from the date of this order.

- The PIO is hereby warned that failure to comply with this order will result in ii) disciplinary action being initiated against him as per the service rules applicable to him and as provided, under the RTI Act, 2005.
- The appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam, is instructed to serve this order as Dasti service to the iii) PIO without fail to ensure compliance.
- The appellant is further directed to inform the Commission about the compliance of iv) the order within one month from the date of this order.

### Conclusion:

This order serves the purpose of ensuring adherence to the RTI Act provisions and aims to promote responsible conduct from the designated PIO. The Commission emphasizes that it will monitor compliance closely and take necessary action as per regulations if the directives are not fulfilled.

#### Order:

In view of the above facts and circumstance the Commission dispose this Appeal. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands disposed of and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December' 2025.

> Sd/-(Vijay Taram) State Information Commissioner APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-190/R/2024

Dated Itanagar, the ..... December, 2025.

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