



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-876/2025

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

Shri Tai Shiva & Others

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-O/O Director Labour & Employment,
Itanagar, Papum Pare District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 21.04.2026.

JUDGEMENT

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 Appellants Shri Tai Shiva, Bengoa Mangming, Ngaker Jumke & Kaling Tabi on 12/08/2005, filed an RTI application under Form-'A' before the PIO-O/O-Directorate of Tourism, Itanagar, P/Pare District Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh whereby, seeking various information, as quoted in Form-A application. The Appellant, being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO, filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30/09/2025 the Appellant again having not received the required information(s) from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 28/11/2025, and the Registry of the Commission (APIC), having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC No. 876/2025 (A-peal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

In the 1st hearing held on 21st April '2026, related to the APIC No-876/A/2025(Appeal), the Appellants Tai Shiva & Ngaker Jumken,, present during the hearing and the PIO-cum Directorate of Tourism Itanagar Govt .of Arunachal Pradesh.

Heard the Appellants

The Appellants stated before the Commission that no information have been provided to them by the PIO till today.

Heard the PIO.

The PIO stated that as the information sought are presumed to be exempted under section 8(1)(j) RTI Act 2005. The PIO has written a letter asking the prior consent of the individual whose personal documents have been sought by the appellants. The individual whose personal documents are being sought has replied to the office of the PIO not to disclose and furnish said information to the Appellants. The PIO again communicated the same letter to the Appellants on 14/10/2025 and so under above stated fact and circumstance s the PIO could not provide the particular information that the Appellant have sought in their form'A SI No. 5.

After hearing both the parties the Commission here by observes;

This hearing pertains to a second appeal filed under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) by a group of four individuals, collectively seeking information from the PIO-O/O Directorate of Tourism, Itanagar, P/Pare District.

The first appellate authority had dismissed the initial application on the grounds of non appearance of the appellants in the hearing, leading to the present appeal.

Issues:

The primary issue for consideration in this appeal is the propriety of the joint application filed by four individuals, which is contrary to the provisions outlined under the RTI Act 2005.

Judgment:

Upon careful consideration of the appeal and relevant provisions of the RTI Act, it is evident that the Act explicitly allows for an application to be filed by a single individual only, as evident in section 6(1) of the RTI Act 2005 and which states:

"A person who desires to obtain any information under this Act shall make a request in writing or through electronics means in English or Hindi or in the official language of the area in which the application has been made to the PIO."

The use of the term "person" in the singular indicates that applications must be submitted by individuals and not by groups or collectives. The joint application filed by the four appellants lacks the legal standing as stipulated by the Act and, therefore, is deemed improper.

In light of this, the appeal filed by the group of four is hereby dismissed due to the improper filing of the application.

However, the appellants are granted liberty to file separate applications individually for the information sought, as per the provisions of the RTI Act. Each appellant may submit a fresh RTI application to the concerned authority, adhering to the legal requirements and ensuring that their requests are processed in accordance with the law.

Order:

This second appeal is dismissed on the grounds of improper filing. The appellants are suggested to pursue their requests separately as per the provisions of the RTI Act.

And therefore, this appeal as well as the other appeals preferred by the same group of people are dismissed herewith.

The rest appeals heard before APIC bearing No. 875/A/2025, 877/A/2025 & 878/A/2025 are also hereby dismissed along with the instant appeal bearing No.876/A/2025.

In view of the above facts and circumstances this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this **21st day of April' 2026.**

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on **this 21st day of April 2026.**

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-876/A/2025 / 1231 **Dated Itanagar, the 24 April, 2026.**

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