



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-336/2025

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

Shri Nabam Nanu

..... **Appellant**

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Project Director, DRDA,
Yupia, Papum Pare District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... **Respondent.**

Order: 02.06.2026.

DISMISSAL 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 Nabam Nanu on **16/12/2024** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-Project Director (PD) (DRDA), Yupia, Papumpare 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 **22/01/2025**, and even then, the Appellant not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **22/04/2025** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **336/A/2025** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **24.07.2025**, **04.11.2025** & **02.06.2026** wherein the third hearing the Appellant present during the hearing before the Commission.

On the third hearing today the PIO-cum-Project Director is represented by Shri Tame Niting, (APORE) through online mode during the bearing before the Commission.

1. Brief Facts of the Case:

The Appellant, Mr. Nabam Nanu, filed an RTI application dated 18.12.2024 before the PIO-cum-Project Director, DRDA, Papum Pare District, seeking various items of information regarding the social security scheme of govt of India, the MGNREGA. Not receiving a satisfactory response from the PIO and the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the Appellant preferred this Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission.

2. Submission of the PIO:

The Respondent PIO-cum-Project Director (PD) District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Yupia, Papum Pare District, Government of Arunachal Pradesh provided all the information to the Appellant and today in the third hearing is present in the court and through written submission and oral testimony, contended that the information sought by the Appellant is "voluminous" in nature, spanning the information about the whole district of Papum Pare district.

The PIO further submitted that the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Papum Pare, has already complied with the mandate of Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005 regarding Suo Motu disclosure as well as provided information in hard copies also. All relevant data, project details, and financial progress reports are regularly uploaded and maintained on the official MIS Portal / Departmental Website as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Rural Development Government of India and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

3. Observations of the Commission:

Upon perusing the records and hearing the arguments, the Commission observes the following:

Availability in Public Domain: The RTI Act aims to provide access to information held by public authorities. However, once a public authority places information in the public domain (via a website or portal), the information is deemed to be "freely accessible" to all citizens.

Section 7(9) of the RTI Act: The information sought is admittedly voluminous. Providing physical copies of such massive data would result in the "disproportionate diversion of resources" of the public authority.

Legal Precedent: The Hon'ble Central Information Commission (CIC) and various High Courts have consistently held that if information is already available on a website, the PIO is only required to direct the applicant to the relevant URL/portal rather than providing physical documents.

4. Decision:

In view of the fact that the requested information is already proactively disclosed by the PIO on the official MIS portal/website of the DRDA Papum Pare for the sake of transparency, the Commission finds no merit in compelling the PIO to provide hard copies of the same, for the second time to the Appellant.

The Appellant, Mr. Nabam Nanu, is hereby advised to visit the official website or the MIS portal of the PIO's office to access, download, or print the required information as per his convenience.

Since the information is already available in the public domain and the PIO has successfully demonstrated Suo Motu compliance, the Appeal is hereby DISPOSED OF.

Order;

In view of the above facts and circumstances the Commission dispose of 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 2nd day of June' 2026.

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 2nd day of June' 2026.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar, the 10 June, 2026.

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