

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-599/2025

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

Shri Ratan Chetia

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO- Executive Engineer, Electrical,
Deomali , Tirap District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 16.09.2025.

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 Ratan Chetia on **19/12/2024** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-EE, Deomali Electrical Division, Tirap 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 **20/03/2025**. The Appellant again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **28/07/2025** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **599/A/2025** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **16.09.2025** wherein the Appellant is present through online mode during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-Executive Engineer, Deomali Electrical Division, Tirap District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh found absent during the hearing before the Commission.

Date of Hearing: 16th September 2025.

1. This appeal has been brought before the Commission by the Appellant, Shri Ratan Chetia, against the decision of the Public Information Officer (PIO), Executive Engineer, Power (Electrical) Deomali Division, regarding his application under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

2. During the first hearing on 16th September 2025, the Appellant clarified in open court that he had filed the Form A Application on behalf of his friend, Shri Thangam Wangchu, a retired Army personnel. However, the Appellant failed to present any evidence of authority to act on behalf of Shri Wangchu in the form of a duly certified power of attorney or any other appropriate authorization.

3. The Commission observes that the absence of proper authorization not only undermines the integrity of the RTI process but also imposes unnecessary burdens on the PIO and the resources of the public office. It is imperative that the procedures established under the law are adhered to strictly, as they are designed to ensure transparency and accountability.

4. The Appellant's failure to provide sufficient legal backing for his application to act on behalf of another individual, particularly under the provisions of the RTI Act, reflects a serious procedural deficiency. Such insufficient procedures not only contravene legal requirements but

also disrupt the functioning of the office of the PIO, compelling them to attend multiple court hearings that could have been avoided.

5. It is noted that the PIO is required to travel from Deomali to Itanagar for these hearings, a journey that is time-consuming and resource-intensive. The Commission finds it imperative to maintain the sanctity of the RTI process while safeguarding public resources from unnecessary wastage.

6. In light of these considerations, the Commission is constrained to dismiss the appeal forthwith due to the insufficiency of authorization presented by the Appellant.

7. Therefore, the appeal is hereby dismissed.

Order:

The instant appeal is dismissed.

Given under my hand and seal of the Commission on this **16th day of September 2025**.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

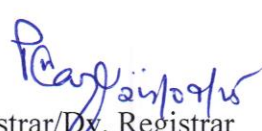
State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-599/A/2025/0901

Dated Itanagar, the 24th September, 2025.

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1. PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, Deomali Electrical Division, Tirap District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code-792129.**
2. Shri Ratan Chetia, Sitpani Moran Village, PO/PS-Mahadevpur, Namsai District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 8729961231**
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