



## ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-21/2025

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

Shri Sangkung Jonah

..... Appellant

### -VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Deputy Director of Elementary Education  
Itanagar, Papum Pare District,  
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 25.11.2025.

### 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 Sangkung Jonah on **18/09/2024** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-Director of Elementary Education, Itanagar, 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 **26/11/2024**, and even then, the Appellant not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **04/02/2025** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **21/2025** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **08.05.2025, 19.08.2025 & 25.11.2025** wherein the Appellant found absent during the 1<sup>st</sup> hearing on 08.05.2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing on 19.08.2025, and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> hearing on 25.11.2025, without intimating the reasons for his absence to the Commission.

The PIO-cum-Director of Elementary Education, Itanagar, Papumpare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh found absent during the hearing before the Commission.

In the absence of both the parties, the Commission hereby observes;

1. The Appellant, Shri Sangkung Jonah, absent despite notice for today's hearing served upon him on 19.08.2025. It is to be noted that being the Appellant he has absented consecutively in 3 hearings before the Commission. Further, it is to be noted that on 08.05.2025 and on 19.08.2025 on the absence of the Appellant the court of this Commission issued summons to the Appellant along with a strict order to the Appellant to be present in the next hearing without fail and failing which this appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte.
2. Despite serving of prior notice for hearings, the repeated absence of the Appellant without informing the reason for his absence to the Commission, undermines the Procedural Laws as well as the RTI, Act, 2005 and the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC). The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission operates on principles of transparency and accountability, which necessitates cooperation from all parties involved especially, the Appellant(s).
3. The repeated absence of the Appellant has led to a significant waste of the Public Information Officer's (PIO) resources and the time of the Commission who have prepared for these hearings in good faith, only to have hearings adjourned due to the Appellant lack of participation.

4. The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), therefore finds that the Appellant has demonstrated a consistent disregard for the proceedings by failing to appear in the hearings without any reasonable justification.

Under the above facts and circumstances the Commission hereby decides;

- i) Pursuant to the absence of the Appellant in the first hearing held on 08.05.2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing held on 19.08.2025 and today in the 3<sup>rd</sup> hearing his consecutive absence makes the Commission believe that he is not serious on his appeal, for the fact that despite repeated notice to be present in the hearing of his appeal, he has absented from attending the court hearing without submitting his reason for absence, to the Commission which implies contempt to the notice issued from this court and a sign of non seriousness in pursuing his appeal.
- ii) Under the above circumstances and following the procedural laws the Commission hereby dismiss this instant appeal ex-parte.

**Order;**

In view of the above facts and circumstance the Commission dismiss this Appeal ex-parte. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November' 2025.

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November' 2025

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

Memo.No.APIC-21/A/2025/194 Dated Itanagar, the 25 November, 2025.

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