

(Before the Hon'ble Information Commissioner Mr. Genom Tekseng)

### An Appeal Under Section 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005.

## APIC-No.02/2023(Appeal)

Sh. Sanjay Gollo, Village- Seijosa, PO/PS: Seijosa, Pakke Kessang District, Arunachal Pradesh. (M)

8415960422. Pin: 790103.

Appellant

-Versus-

The PIO-Cum-DFO, Seijosa, Pakke Tiger Reserve, Pakke Kessang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Pin: 790103.

Respondent

<u>Date of hearing:-27.10.2023.</u> <u>Date of decision:-27.10.2023.</u>

#### **FACTS OF THE CASE:**

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 23.09.2022 seeking information pertaining to works under CSS (PT) vide sanctioned order No. FOR/371/D-4/08/13808-19. The respondent PIO and DFO, Seijosa did not furnish any reply in response to the RTI application. The appellant then filed a First Appeal on 29.11.2022. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) order, if any, is not available on record. Feeling aggrieved the appellant approached the commission with the instant second Appeal.

# FACTS EMERGING DURING THE HEARING:

After receipt of the second appeal notices were issued to the parties to appear on 10.03.2023. The appellant appeared on 10.03.2023 and submitted that no information had so per been received from the PIO. The PIO was absent. However, PIO was represented by **Shri Rubu Todo**, (**RFO**). The PIO's representative submitted that vide letter dated 10.02.2023 requested information was sent to the appellant. He also produced a copy of the said letter before the commission. The commission adjourned the case to 08.06.2023 with direction to the appellant to verify the information after receiving the same and approach the commission in case the information was found to be false or incomplete.

The PIO did not appear on 08.06.2023. During the hearing the appellant had confirmed having received the information. Satisfied with the remaining answers he contested the response of the PIO to query no.(a) of the RTI application. The commission after hearing the submission of the appellant directed the PIO to furnish complete information and appear on 25.08.2023.

None of the parties appeared on 25.08.2023. The commission took grave exceptions to the repeated absence of the PIO on the date of hearing fixed by the commission. On that day the commission also observed that furnishing of causal reply amounts to obstruction of information, though not deliberate and warned the PIO to be careful in future while dealing with RTI application. With the above observation, the commission directed the PIO to comply with the interim order dated 08.06.2023 passed by the commission and appear on 27.10.2023.

The PIO appears before the commission and submits that the remaining information was furnished to the appellant on 28.09.2023. The appellant who is also present during the hearing has submitted that he has received the information and expressed his satisfaction with the information.

#### **DECISION:**

The commission after hearing the parties present and after perusal of case record observes that the PIO has provided complete information as per the direction of the commission and the appellant has expressed his satisfaction with the information. Hence, no further intervention of the commission is required in the matter. The instant appeal stands **disposed of.** 

Copy of this order be supplied to the parties.

Sd/-

(Genom Tekseng)

Information Commissioner

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