



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-1002/2023

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

Shri Palen Laa & Smt.Yukar Yaga

..... **Appellant**

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-District Horticulture Officer,
Raga, Kamle District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... **Respondent.**

Order: 19.03.2026.

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 Appellants, Shri Palen Laa and others on **14/08/2023** filed an RTI application in form 'A' before the PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellants being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14/09/2023**. Appellants again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **26/10/2023** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC- No. **1002/2023** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **07/11/2024, 19.12.2024, 06.03.2025, 05.08.2025, 13.11.2025 & 19.03.2026.**

Details of Information sought from the PIO;

- i)** Furnished utilization certificate copies.
- ii)** Furnish photograph & Gio tag copies.
- iii)** Furnish administrative approval stationed order copies.
- iv)** Furnish work progress report copies.
- v)** Furnish cheque receipt copies.
- vi)** Furnish photographs of completed work copies.
- vii)** Furnish guideline copies.

Period from which information asked for, year 2015 to till date.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant stated that in the last hearing which was the 5th hearing held on 13.11.2025 the PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Taw Papu was present and submitted that he does not have the information as the scheme for which the Appellant has applied the information for was executed by the previous DHO for which the information as sought by the Appellant are not available on record in the office of the PIO.

It is to be noted that after hearing the PIO in the 5th hearing on 13.11.2025 the Commission had ordered him to provide the information available with his office pertaining to the information that the Appellant has sought for.

In the 6th hearing which is held today the Appellant stated that he has been provided the information(s) by the PIO which is not the related information pertaining to the Form-A that he has submitted to the office of the PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

After hearing the Appellant and going through the previous orders of the Commission, the Commission has taken serious note of the absence of the PIO in today's hearing, whereas, he was personally notified of the hearing in the last hearing held on 13.11.2025.

Despite the order of the Commission to provide the information(s) to the Appellant, the insincerity of the PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh makes this Commission believe that he is not paying heed to the Law of the country and showing the disrespect to abide by the Law that is RTI, Act, 2005.

Under the above stated observations and facts the Commission hereby orders;

1. The PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to pay an amount of Rs. 25,000/- (rupees twenty five thousand only) as penalty for non furnishing of the information(s) by depositing it through proper treasury challan to the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), Head of Account 0070.
2. The PIO to provide the information(s) as sought by the Appellant completely within 1(one) month from today, failing which Disciplinary Action as per the Service Rules will be initiated against the PIO.
3. The Appellant to collect the information(s) from the PIO within 1(one) month from today basing on this order.
4. In the failure of the PIO to provide the complete information(s) to the Appellant, the Appellant to let this Commission know, by which this Commission will recommend for Disciplinary Action against the PIO to the competent appointing authority of the PIO.

Under the above orders, the Commission finds it competent to dispose of this appeal with the above orders, and therefore, this appeal is disposed today.

In view of the above facts and circumstances the Commission, find this appeal fit to be disposed of and closed. And accordingly this appeal stands disposed of and closed.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this **19th day of March' 2026.**

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this **19th day of March' 2026.**

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

Memo.No.APIC-1002/A/2023/1155 **Dated Itanagar, the 19th March, 2026.**

Copy to:

1. PIO-Cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:791122**
2. Shri, Palen Laa & Smt. Yukar Yaga, Sonam Nursery, Jollang, Itanagar, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 7058354892**
3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC please.
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