

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide Case No.APIC-224/2024

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

Shri Rania Nabam Hina

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, PHE&WS, Senki View, Itanagr, Papum Pare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 18.11.2025.

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 Appellants Shri Riya Taram & Takam Sakap on 19/07/2025 filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-EE, WRD, Pasighat Division, East Siang District, Govt. of Arunachal |Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellants being not receiving the information from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 21/08/2023. The Appellants again having not received the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 03/10/2023 and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. 946/2023 (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on 12.11.2024, 16.01.2025, 07.08.2025 & 18.11.2025 wherein the Appellants found absent during the 1st hearing on 12.11.2024, 3rd hearing on 07.08.2025 and on the 4th hearing on 18.11.2025 without intimating the reasons of their absence to the Commission.

The PIO-cum-Executive Engineer, WRD, Pasighat Division East Siang District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is represented by Shri Ashik Pertin, Assistant Engineer, WRD, Pasighat Division, through online mode during the hearing before the Commission.

In the absence of the Appellants, the Commission hereby observes;

- The Appellants, Shri Riya Taram and Takam Sakap absent despite notice for today's hearing served upon them on 07.08.2025. It is to be noted that being the Appellants they have absented in the 1st hearing on 12.11.2024, 3rd hearing on 07.08.2025 and 4th hearing today on 18.11.2025.
- 2. Further, it is to be noted that on 07.08.2025 on the absence of the Appellants the court of this Commission issued notice of hearing along with a strict order to the Appellants to be present in the next hearing without fail and failing which their appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte.
- 3. Despite serving of prior notice for hearings, the repeated absence of the Appellants without informing their reason for 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).
- 4. The repeated absence of the Appellants 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 Appellants lack of participation.

5. The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), therefore finds that the Appellants have 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;

- Pursuant to the absence of the Appellants in the first hearing held on 12.11.2024 and i) the 3rd hearing held on 07.08.2025 and today in the 4th hearing their consecutive absence makes the Commission believe that they are not serious on their appeal, for the fact that despite repeated notice to be present in the hearing of their appeal they have absented themselves from attending the court hearing without submitting their reason for absence, to the Commission which implies contempt to the notice issued from this court and a sign of non seriousness in pursuance their 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 exparte. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 18th day of November' 2025. Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 18th day of November' 2025

(Vijay Taram) State Information Commissioner APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-224/A/202

Dated Itanagar, the November, 2025.

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