

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-308/A/2024 (Summon to appear in person)

(Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Nabam Nyajung -V/S- PIO-Cum-BDO, CD-Block Balijan, P/Pare District A.P.

To.

The Block Development Officer, CD Block Balijan, Papum Pare, District, A.P.

SUMMON

The 2nd hearing held on 1st April 2025 related to the APIC No 308/2024. The Appellant Shri Nabam Nyajum present during the hearing in person but the PIO-cum BDO, CD Block Balijan District Papum-Pare, found absent without intimating to the Commission the reason for his inability to attend to the hearing, which is unbecoming on the part of the PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO besides [public duties, also has to attend Court hearing when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI Act 2005, which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO.

Heard the Appellant.

The Appellant stated before the Commission that the PIO has not furnished any of the information as sought by him in his form'A' application till date. But during the last hearing ie on 28th January 2025 the PIO stated that the information(s(as sought by the Appellant under form 'A' application are ready to be furnished to the Appellant and therefore, he has written a letter to the Appellant on 25th day of November 2024 to deposit the requisite fees for the information(s) an amount of Rs 87,450/-(Rupees Eighty Seven thousand four hundred fifty) only, if needed in color print and if needed black and white an amount of Rs 7,837/- (Rupees seven thousand eight hundred thirty seven) only to which the Appellant have not yet replied to the office of the PIO.

The Appellant have stated that they are still dependent on their mother who has BPL card under Govt. of India, which is why they have requested the Commission to provide the information free of cost. However, the Commission directly rejected this request, stating that they cannot be considered dependent anymore due to their age maturity as they have crossed 30 years now. The Commission further mentioned that if the appellant required the information, they will have to pay for it.

After hearing the Appellant the Commission hereby orders;

(i) The Appellant to collect the information(s) from the office of the PIO, on or before the next date of hearing.

- (ii) To issue summon to the PIO to be present in the next date of hearing, failing which necessary action shall be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of the TI Act 20005.
- (iii) The next date of hearing notice need not to be sent Appellant as he is present during the hearing.

The Commission ordered;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 17th June 2025 at 2:30 PM (Afternoon).

N.B:- To avail online hearing, please notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, download "WEBEX MEETING APP" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance may contact Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957).

It is so ordered this 1st day of April, 2025 at 01:30 PM.

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

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