





ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE FULL BENCH COURT OF STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS

No.APIC-907/2023

Dated, Itanagar the 4th April, 2024

Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant:

Shri G.F. Rimo, Papu-II, Near Govt. Pry. School, Papu Village, Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791110, (M) 7629828309.

Vs

Respondent: The PIO-cum-ADC, Thrizino, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh Pradesh, PIN-790116.

<u>ORDER</u>

Fact of the case is that this is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Shri G.F. Rimo, Papu-II, Near Govt. Pry. School, Papu Village, Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information by the PIO-cum-ADC, Thrizino, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh Pradesh as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 11/07/2023 regarding compensation of power grid cooperation of India PVT. LTD Construction of 132 KV transmission line, Nichipu to Palizi and Palizi to Trizino.

The 2nd hearing is held today on 4th April, 2024 as scheduled. The PIO-cum-ADC, Thrizino, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh Pradesh is absent. The appellant shri G.F. Rimo is represented by Shri Arman Rimo.

The PIO through a W.T. message dated 3/04/2024 informed the commission of his inability to attend the hearing, in view of simultaneous Election, 2024 and for preventive measures of anticipated Law and Order situation at his posting place Thrizino. Further, the PIO appealed the commission to fix next date of hearing.

Representative of the Appellant Shri Arman Rimo informed the commission that the PIO has not furnished information.

The Commission observed that the PIO has not mentioned anything about his compliance with the direction given on 5th March, 2024. The PIO was given opportunity to furnish information under his jurisdiction within twenty eight days from the issue of that order. Here it shows that the public authority is irresponsible in performing statutory duties and did not comply with the directions of the commission. The Commission in view of Election, showing leniency and reasonable opportunity strictly directs the PIO to furnish the information as directed in the last hearing held on 5th March, 2024. The PIO is also directed to intimate the commission of his action taken report on or before 24th April, 2024. Failing which, the commission shall be compelled to initiate penal action under section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the PIO.

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It is also observed that the appellant has also failed to report the commission about his action taken as directed. The commission giving reasonable opportunity directs the Appellant to visit office of the PIO and collect information from him. Failing which, the case shall be disposed of.

Both the parties are directed to appear before the Commission's court on the next date of hearing without fail. If the SPIO is found absent the Commission may initiate penal action as per provision under section 20(1) of the RTI Act-2005 and in case Appellant is found absent the case shall be disposed of without any further notice, presuming that the Appellant is no more interested in the information.

The next date of hearing is fixed on 6th June, 2024 (Thursday) at 02:00PM.

Therefore, the PIO-cum-ADC, Thrizino, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh Pradesh is hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person on the scheduled date and time without fail.

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

(Rinchen Dorjee) State Chief Information Commissioner Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission <u>Itanagar</u> Dated, Itanagar the 5 April, 2024

Memo No.APIC-907/2023/999 Copy to:

- The FAA-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Govt. of A.P. o/o Deputy Commissioner, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790001, to ensure attendance of the PIO-cum-ADC, Thrizino, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court of State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.
- 2. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website& send mail to all the parties.
 - 3. Case file.

Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission <u>Itanagar</u> Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission