



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

Case No. APIC-324/2026.

(Summon to appear in person)

(Or.5, R.3 of CPC)

APPELLANT : Shri Ashok Sangbia, Model Vill. Seppa.
RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the EE (PHE & WS), Seppa Division East
Kameng District.

ORDER/SUMMONS

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Ashok Sangbia for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the EE (PHE & WS), Seppa Division East Kameng District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 02.12.2025.

A. Details of Information:

1. Certified copy of Category of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
2. Certified Copy of Appointment letter of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your Division and Sub-Division.
3. Certified copy of joining report/letter of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
4. Certified Copy of Place of posting of all the contingency/causal staffs serving under your Division and Sub-Division.
5. Certified copy of recruited advertised/Publication on 3 No. names of local newspaper cutting, electronic media, print media, news channels etc. of all the contingency/causal staff serving under your Division and Sub-division.
6. Certified copy of written examine mark obtained/walk interview along with videography/photography, if conducted the interview of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
7. Certified Copy of present strength of all the contingency/casual staff under serving your Division and Sub-Division.
8. Certified Copy of new strength vacate of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
9. Certified copy of Approval from competent authority of CE/SE recruited/advertised of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
10. Certified copy of all the supporting documents like Educational qualification, Aadhar card, ST, PRC, SC, OBC, Bank Passbook etc. of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
11. Certified Copy of total sanction strength of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
12. Certified copy of Recruitments rule (RR) of the contingency/casual staffs' approval from Administrative Reforms (AR) Department Govt. of (A.P).
13. Certified copy of attendance registers and active contact No. of all the contingency/casual Staffs serving under your division & sub division.

14. Certified copy of that employee who transferred from other district under Arunachal
 15. Pradesh to all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division. Certified copy of finance concurrence from Finance Department of Govt. of (A.P) for making the payment/disbursement to contingency/casual staff serving under your division & sub-division.
 16. Certified copy of officer Name along with working contact Number of Chief Engineer and Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineer who appointed to all the contingency/Casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
 17. Certified Copy of Service identity card along with sign & seal from competent authority and active contact No. of all the contingency and casual staff serving under Division and sub-division.
 18. Certified copy of Note sheet/OM/Recommendation letter from Ministers/ Advisor to HM, HMLA, s Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer etc. to all the Contingency/Casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.
- B. Period for which information asked for: - 2016 to till date.

Brief facts emerging from the appeal:

Records disclose that the information as requested by the appellant vide his application dated 02.12.2025 remained unfurnished despite the appellant's appeal to the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the Chief Engineer, (PHE & WS), Western Zone, Itanagar, vide his Memo of appeal dt. 17.01.2026. Hence this Second Appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 filed on 06.03.2026.

This appeal is, accordingly, listed today on 07.08.2026 wherein the PIO, Er. Shri P.D Chukla, EE is present in person while the appellant, Shri Ashok Sangbia attended through VC.

Hearing and decision:

Heard the parties.

The appellant, reiterating his demand for the requested information/documents from the PIO, pleaded for an appropriate direction to the PIO to furnish the same. The PIO, on the other hand, submitted that his office has already furnished the sought for information to the appellant vide forwarding letter dt. 24.06.2026 through post office which the appellant has fairly admitted but complained that the PIO has furnished incomplete information / documents.

This Commission perused the details of information sought for by the appellant in his RTI application dt. 02.12.2025 in seriatim as well as the information /replies furnished by the PIO vide his aforesaid forwarding letter and after detailed discussion with the parties, the observation /conclusion of this Commission is indicated against the corresponding queries in the table below:

Sl No	Details of Information sought	Observation / Conclusion
a.	Certified copy of Category of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	Furnished by the PIO. Hence, no further adjudication is required.
b.	Certified Copy of Appointment letter of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your Division and Sub-Division.	The PIO has furnished appointment letters in respect of only 30 numbers of staff out of 260. Hence, need to be appointment order / letters against the remaining 230 numbers <i>need to be furnished.</i>

c.	Certified copy of joining report/letter of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	Not furnished. But not pressed as the appellant is satisfied with the explanation of the PIO that joining reports are available at the respective place of posting and not with the Division.
d.	Certified Copy of Place of posting of all the contingency/causal staffs serving under your Division and Sub-Division.	Furnished. <u>No further consideration is required.</u>
e.	Certified copy of recruited advertised/Publication on 3 No. names of local newspaper cutting, electronic media, print media, news channels etc. of all the contingency/causal staff serving under your Division and Sub-division.	To furnish reply on affidavit
f.	Certified copy of written examine mark obtained/walk interview along with videography/photography, if conducted the interview of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	To furnish reply on an affidavit.
g.	Certified Copy of present strength of all the contingency/casual staff under serving your Division and Sub-Division.	Furnished. <u>No further consideration is required.</u>
h.	Certified Copy of new strength vacate of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	Furnished. <u>No further consideration is required.</u>
i.	Certified copy of Approval from competent authority of CE/SE recruited/advertised of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	To furnish if available. <i>Otherwise, reply to be furnished on affidavit.</i>
j.	Certified copy of all the supporting documents like Educational qualification, Aadhar card, ST, PRC, SC, OBC, Bank Passbook etc. of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	Educational qualification to be furnished but other personal documents can not be disclosed as these are exempted / protected under section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 as amended by section 44 (3) of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 which came into force w.e.f 14th November, 2025 which reads as under: “44(3) In section 8 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, in sub-section(1), for clause (j), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:- “(j) information which relates to personal information;”

k.	Certified Copy of total sanction strength of all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	Furnished.
l.	Certified copy of Recruitments rule (RR) of the contingency/casual staffs' approval from Administrative Reforms (AR) Department Govt. of (A.P).	Reply to be furnished on affidavit.
m.	Certified copy of attendance registers and active contact No. of all the contingency/casual Staffs serving under your division & sub division.	Not pressed, as the appellant is satisfied with the reply /explanation of the PIO that the attendance registers are maintained at respective posting place.
n.	Certified copy of that employee who transferred from other district under Arunachal Pradesh to all the contingency/casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	Furnished.
o.	Certified copy of finance concurrence from Finance Department of Govt. of (A.P) for making the payment/disbursement to contingency/casual staff serving under your division & sub-division.	Latest Finance Concurrence for post continuation for the year 2025-2026 to be furnished.
p.	Certified copy of officer Name along with working contact Number of Chief Engineer and Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineer who appointed to all the contingency/Casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	The names and designation of officers with their official contact numbers to be furnished.
q.	Certified Copy of Service identity card along with sign & seal from competent authority and active contact No. of all the contingency and casual staff serving under Division and sub-division.	Not pressed, as the appellant is satisfied with the reply /explanation of the PIO that the ID Card, if issued, will be available at the respective posting place.
r.	Certified copy of Note sheet/OM/Recommendation letter from Ministers/ Advisor to HM, HMLA, s Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer etc. to all the Contingency/Casual staff serving under your division and sub-division.	Reply to be furnished on an affidavit.

This Commission deems it appropriate to bring to the attention of the PIO that it is the requirement of section -7(8)(i) of the RTI Act that when an information is denied to the applicant, the reason thereof has to be communicated to the applicant to his satisfaction. And as mandated by section-18(3)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005 read with rule-5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005, the explanation / reply of the PIO has to be furnished on an affidavit.

The above provisions of RTI Act, 2005 are reproduced hereunder:

(a) Section 7(8)(i) of RTI Act, 2005.

“(8) Where a request has been rejected under sub-section(1), the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Office, as the case may be, shall communicate to the person making the request:-

(i) the reasons for such rejection

(ii)

(iii)”

(b) Section 18(3) (c)

“(3) The Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, shall, while inquiring into any matter under this section, have the same powers as are vested in a civil court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in respect of the following matters, namely:-

(a).....

(b).....

(c) receiving evidence on affidavit.

(d).....

(e)

(f)..... “

(c) Rule- 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005,

“5. Procedure in deciding appeal: In deciding the appeal, the Commission shall,

(i)....

(ii)....

(iii)

(iv).....

(v).....

(vi) receive evidence on affidavit from State Public Information Officer, Assistant State Public Information Officer, such Senior Officer who decided the first appeal or third party.”

In view of the position of law as above, the PIO is directed to furnish the left out information as indicated in the Table and the affidavit, wherever required, to the appellant within 3 (three) weeks from the date of receipt of this order and report the compliance therewith on 4th Sept. 2026, the next date hearing.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 7th August, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby summoned to appear in person or online in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu, SIC in person on 4th Sept., 2026 (Friday) at 2 pm to answer the claims, and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your claims/defense.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance, on the day above- mentioned, the matter will be heard and determined, including closure of the appeal, in your absence.

To avail online hearing please at least notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, download "**WEBEX MEETING APP**" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957) maybe contacted.

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)

State Information Commissioner,

APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 324/2026 / 1816 Dated Itanagar, the 22 Aug., 2026

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Engineer (PHE & WS), Govt. of A.P, Western Zone, Singkhi Park Itanagar, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO concerned.
2. The PIO, o/o the EE (PHE & WS), Seppa Division East Kameng District (A.P) PIN: 790102 for information and compliance.
3. Shri Ashok Sangbia, Model Village Seppa, East Kameng District PIN: 790102 Mobile No. 8119994490 for information.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
5. Office copy.
6. S/Copy.

P. Singh
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APIC, Itanagar

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