

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC <u>ITANAGAR</u>

BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER No. APIC-924/2023

Dated Itanagar, the March,2025

(Under Section 20 (1) RTI Act, 2005) (Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Appellant: Shri Buli Bhai

-VS-

Respondent:

PIO-cum-EE(PWD), Raga Div. Kamle District.

ORDER.

The 11th hearing was held on 26th March, 2025 related to the APIC No-924/2023(Appeal). The Appellant Shri Buli Bhai present in person, but the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (PWD), Raga Division found without any intimation to the

The appellant has stated that till date no any information has been provided by the PIO.

After going through all the case record, the PIO was issued Show Cause Notice on 10th hearing dated 24/02/2025 as to why not impose the Sub-Section-1 of the Section-20 against the PIO for gross violation of the Sub-Section-1 of the Section-7 of RTI Act, 2005 and the PIO was directed to reply to the notice immediately and also directed to appear before the Commission in the next date of hearing on 26/03/2025. But he failed to comply the direction of the Commission. It is also seen from the case record that the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (PWD), Raga Division is absent consecutively 4 (four) hearings dated 02/12/2024, 13/01/2025, 24/02/2025 and 26/03/2025 even after serving Show Cause Notice to the PIO on 10th hearing dtd. 24/02/2025.

By seeing the reluctant attitude of the PIO and not complying the order of the Commission, the Commission invoked the Sub-Section (1) of the Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and imposed penalty of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only against the PIO for violation of Sub-Section (1) of Section-7 of the RTI Act, 2005. PIO is directed to deposit the penalty amount into Head of Account "0070" address to the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission, Itanagar and submit a copy of the Treasury Challan to the Commission.

It seems that the PIO also harassed mentally & physically to the appellant by not cooperating him and refuse to furnish the information till 11th hearing. So the PIO is also directed to compensate the appellant a sum of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only for the monetary losses incurred during to & fro journey expense etc.

If the PIO fails to comply this order of the Commission the provision for disciplinary action under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be recommended under the Service rules applicable to him. The PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission in the next hearing and provide the information if not exempted under RTI Act.

The Commission Adjourned the hearing and fixed next date of hearing fixed on 28/04/2025 at 1030 hours.

> Sd/-(Khopey Thaley) State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar. Dated Itanagar, the. 27... March, 2025.

Memo. No. APIC-924/2023/339 Copy to:

- 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Raga, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh for kind information and necessary action please.
- 2. The FAA-cum-Chief Engineer (PWD), Western Zone, Itanagar for kind information and necessary action.
- 3. The PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (PWD), Raga Division, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh for information. Pin Code:- 791120
- 4. Shri Buli Bhai, G- Sector, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh for information. Contact No. 708577589
- 5. The Computer Programmer/Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC and mail to officer concerned.

6. Office Copy.

APIC, Itanagar.

Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission Itanagar.