



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

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

Case No. APIC- 776/2025.

(Summon to appear in person)

(Or.5 R.3 of CPC)

**APPELLANTS
RESPONDENT**

:Shri Tagar Mibang, Boleng.

:The PIO, o/o the (DFO), Pasighat, East Siang District.

ORDER/SUMMONS

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tagar Mibang for non-furnishing of 5(five) point information regarding the Creation of ANR plantation and Maintenance of ANR Plantation and Creation of Artificial Plant and maintenance of Artificial plantation by the PIO, o/o the (DFO), Pasighat as sought for by him vide his application dated 20.01.2025.

This Commission had heard this appeal earlier on 11.02.2026, wherein the appellant, Shri Tagar Mibang was present through the VC but the PIO did not appear.

The Appellant then complained that inspite of payment for the cost of documents amounting to Rs.706.00 for 353 pages through treasury challan to the o/o the PIO as directed by the PIO vide letter dt. 31.03.2025, the PIO did not furnish the requested documents/information. Bu the appellant did not furnish the copy of the treasury challan with his appeal nor did he produce the same during the course of hearing. As such, the hearing of this appeal was adjourned to 06.03.2026 so as to hear the PIO or his representative and take an appropriate decision. The appellant was also directed to produce the copy of the Treasury Challan in the hearing fixed on 06.03.2026.

This appeal is, accordingly, listed and heard for the 2nd time today on 06.03.2026.

Today the appellant is present in person but the PIO is again absent without any intimation nor deputed any representative.

Heard the appellant who, reiterating that as directed by the PIO vide letter dt. 31.03.2025 and also by the FAA in its order dt.16.05.2025, he had deposited the required cost of the documents but the PIO failed to furnish the information, pleaded for an appropriate direction to the PIO to refund the sum of Rs.706.00 he had deposited and also the requested documents/information to him.

This Commission perused the PIO's letter dt.31.03.2025 and the FAA's order dt.16.05.2025 the requiring the appellant to deposit Rs.706.00 being the cost of 353 pages of documents. The copy of treasury challan dt.05.06.25 for Rs.706.00 as produced by the appellant is also perused.

This Commission noticed that the PIO was required to provide the requested information to the appellant on or before 19.02.2025 within 30 days of the receipt of the appellant's application dt.20.01.2025 as provided under section 7(3) of the RTI

Act. But the PIO vide his aforesaid letter dt.31.03.25 i.e after expiry of the statutory period of thirty days, had asked the appellant to collect the information by depositing the cost of documents which was in violation of the provisions of the RTI Act.

This Commission, therefore, concludes that the response of the PIO to the appellants request and the FAA's decision were not in keeping with the spirit of the RTI Act and in view thereof, the PIO is directed to refund the sum of Rs.706.00 to the appellant and also furnish the requested information /documents to the appellant and report compliance therewith to this Commission on 08.04.2026 in order not to invite penal action under the RTI Act.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 6th March, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby summoned to appear in person or online in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu, **SIC on 8th April, 2026 (Wednesday) at 10.30 am** 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 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-776/2025 / 7055 Dated Itanagar, the 9th March, 2026

Copy to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Pasighat East Siang District, the First Appellate Authority for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.
2. The PIO, o/o the (DFO) (Territorial), Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P) PIN:791102 for information and compliance.
3. Shri Tagar Mibang, Vill. Riga, Boleng, Siang District PIN: 791102 Contact No. 7085466166 for information.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the website of APIC, please.
5. Office Copy.
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