





## ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Case No. APIC-440 /2024.

**APPELLANT** 

: Shri Nibo Pao Shri Tawa Yomdo, Shri Japa Tali,

Shri Jiten Lora & Ors.

RESPONDENT

: The PIO, o/o the DFO Yingkiong Forest Division,

Yingkiong, Upper Siang District (A.P)

## **ORDER**

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Nibo Pao, Shri Tawa Yomdo, Shri Japa Tali, Shri Jiten Lora & Ors for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO o/o the DFO Yingkiong Forest Division, Yingkiong, Upper Siang District as sought for by Them under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide their application dated 19-08-2024.

A) Particular of information: Seeking information regarding implementation of AP

State CAMPA funds for DFO, Yingkiong Forest Division, Upper Siang District (A.P) from 2014 to 024

and all kinds reserved forests notifications in

Yingkiong Forest Division.

## B) Details of information required:

- xi) Project wise chart showing the enumeration of trees, species and girth wise volume in respect of diversion of forest lands;
- xii) Project wise statement showing number of trees volume and valuation of trees in respect of diversion of forest lands;
- xiii)Project wise detail estimates for departmental timber operation against extraction against extraction of trees in respect of diversion of forest lands;
- xiv)Project wise abstract of royalty and departmental timber operation;
- xv) Project wise detail estimates for creation of compensatory afforestation for diversion of forest lands with maps;
- xvi)Project wise site certificates from the competent authority regarding suitability area identified for compensatory afforestation;
- xvii) Project wise site inspection reports;
- xviii) Year wise amount receipts under AP State CAMPA from the office of PCCF, department of Environment, Forest and climate change, Itanagar, Govt. of AP;
- xix) Year wise payment made with cheque counterfoils, money receipts and bank statements of DDO/DFO Yingkiong Forest Division, and

- xx) All types of Reserved Forests notifications in Yingkiong Forest Division with minute of meeting and agreement copies, if any.
- C) Period for which information is required: 2014-24

The appellants herein had requested the PIO for the abovementioned information but failed to obtain the same which prompted them to approach the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the CCF, Central Circle, Pasighat by filing Appeal Memo dt.16.10.2024 under section 19(1) of the RTI Act.

Records further disclose that the FAA, vide letter dt.30.10.2024 returned the appeal to the appellants on the ground that requisite documents have not been enclosed in the application. The FAA had also advised the appellants to re-submit the appeal with the requisite documents within 10 days for early disposal of the appeal. However, there is no record of the hearing conducted by the FAA.

Hence, they filed their 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide their Memo of Appeal dt.13.11.2024 on the ground that the PIO did not respond to their RTI application and the FAA had refused to entertain the First Appeal.

The appeal has, accordingly, been registered in this Commission as APIC-440/2024 and listed for hearing on 26.03.2025 wherein one of the appellants, Shri Japa Tali along is present and the PIO, Shri Atek Sitek Forest Division attended through VC.

Heard the parties.

The appellant, reiterating their demand for the information, submitted that despite their re-submission of appeal with the required documents to the FAA, no hearing by the FAA had been conducted thus compelling them to approach this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act. The PIO, on the other hand, contended by saying that the hearing of the appeal was fixed for three times but the appellants did not turn up. The PIO also complained that the information sought for by the appellants are for numerous year (10 years), the collection of which will take considerable time hampering the official works of the PIO.

This Commission, observed that in an earlier similar case (APIC-441/2024), the same appellants had agreed to forego the information on 9(nine) points out of 10(ten) and agreed for the documents at Sl. No.(xi) i.e the copies of Cheque Counterfoils or Money receipt in lieu thereof for the period 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 (Agust, 2024).

This Commission observes that the sought for information / documents are not covered by any of the exemption clauses under section 8 of the Act and hence directs the PIO to furnish the documents / information {Cheque Counterfoils against Sl. No.(xi)} within a period of 4 (four) weeks and in any case not later than 30.04.2025 from today with intimation to this Commission and the appellant shall also visit the o/o the PIO to collect the documents and intimate his satisfaction or otherwise therewith to this Commission whereafter the next date of hearing, if required, shall be fixed and intimated to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 26th March, 2025.

Sd/-(S. TSERING BAPPU) State Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.

## Memo No. APIC- 440/2024 /496 Dated Itanagar, the 27 March, 2025 Copy to:

- 1. The Chief Conservator of Forest (Central Circle), Pasighat (A.P), the First Appellate Authority for information and ensuring compliance of this order by the PIO concerned.
- 2. The PIO, o/o the DFO, Yingkiong Forest Division, Yingkiong, Dist.: Upper Siang (A.P) PIN: 791002 for information.
- 3. Shri Nibo Pao, Shri Tawa Yomdo, Shri Japa Tali, Shri Jiten Lora & Ors Polo Colony Naharlagun, Dist: Papum Pare PIN: 791110 Mobile No. 690993373/9383183531 for information.
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