





ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR.

Appeal under section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Case No. APIC- 06/2024. (Summon to appear in person) (Or.5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Bengia Jayanta, Huto Village Near Old Shiv Mandir, PO/PS- Doimukh, Papum Pare District (A.P)

:APPELLANT

The PIO, o/o Director, Panchayati Raj, Govt. of A.P, Itanagar (A.P)

: RESPONDENT

ORDER /SUMMONS

This is an appeal case under section 19(3) which was converted from Complaint under Section 18(1) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Bengia Jayanta for denial of information by the PIO, o/o Director, (Panchayati Raj), Govt. of A.P Itanagar, A.P as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 27.09.2024.

A) Particular of information: The Appointment of all officer under Pay Level of 6 to 9 and Level of the 7th pay Commission.

B) Subject matter of information:

1. Total Employee Sanctioned Strength of level 6 to 9 and level 10 Officers;

- 2. List of Officers working under pay level 6 to 9 & level 10 of the 7th Central pay Commission;
- 3. RR for above scale/pay Level Officers;

4. Initial Appointment order copy of all the above such Officers;

- 5. If initial appointment order were made, then advertisement copy against such vacancy may be furnished;
- 6. Present pay scale/pay Band/Pay Matrix of all such Officers;

7. Nature and mode of appointment of all such Officers;

- 8. Detailed of information pertaining to Service Regularization, Promotions of all such officers from initial employment till 2024;
- 9. Copy of vacancy against which the promotions of all such officers were sought for government approval may be furnished;
- 10. All the officers correspondence such as e-files sheet, notes sheets, Govt. Order Memo etc. pertaining to any file movement for service regularization, promotions etc for all such officer if made;

11. Copy of all approval from the concerned authority in regard to Service regularization, promotion etc. in e-files, notes sheets, Govt. Order and

12. Chronologically kindly furnish the Detailed Salary Statement of all such officers as per their initial employment till latest salary drawn as on September, 2024

This appeal was last heard on 19.03.2025 wherein the PIO, Shri Nabam Rajesh, D.D (RE) was present but the appellant was absent due to pre-occupation in a case in the Court of CJM, Yupia, as informed by him through written message dt.19.03.2025.

In previous hearing on 31.01.2025 wherein the appellant, Shri Bengia Jayanta and the PIO, Shri Nabam Rajesh, Dy. Director (PR)(with the documents) were present this Commission, observing that the documents sought by the appellant were covered under definition clauses (i) and (j) of section 2 of the RTI Act, 2005, directed the PIO to make every possible effort to collect and furnish the left out documents to the appellant on or before the next date of hearing fixed on 19th March, 2025.

In the hearing on 19.03.2025, the PIO produced a copy of letter dt.07.03.2025 written by Shri A.G. Ligu, D.D (PR) to the PIO forwarding the names of 8(eight) staff with the details of their appointment order and designation. The said letter also states the following:

"However, incumbent mentioned above other than serial no. 02 are promotional post and promoted through conducting DPs as per existing Recruitment Rule. Hence, <u>note-sheets</u> against Serial No. 1,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 is unable to furnish."

This Commission also received a copy of letter dt.13.03.2025 addressed to the appellant by the PIO forwarding therewith the aforesaid letter dt.07.03.2025. The said letter in 2nd para states us under:

"The information related to regular staffs is based on the reply received from <u>Dy. Director(PR) vide No. DPR/100/2024/487 dt.7th March, 2025</u> and the appointment order of contractual PTA is enclosed herewith <u>except the note sheet</u> because all the files related to the Appointment of PTAs is seized by the Anti Corruption Bureau vide ACB/PS ENQ.NO.1/2023."

In support of his submission, the PIO has produced a copy of Receipt dt.05.07.2024 in plain paper signed by the Inspector (ACB), the Enquiry Officer of the SIC Vigilance case No. CW PE No.172023 (SIC Vig).

This Commission, upon perusal of the aforesaid two letters of the DD(RE)-cum-PIO and the DD(PR) and also the letter dt.19.03.2025 from the appellant by which he had expressed his dissatisfaction with the response of the PIO, deemed it necessary and appropriate to be clarified by the two officers for which the DD(PR) was also summoned in the hearing fixed on 09.04.2025 so that the factual position is confirmed before passing any order.

This Commission, therefore, in terms of the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 5 of the RTI Act, 2005, directed the DD(PR) to be present in person along with the DD(RE)-cum-PIO in next hearing fixed on 9th April, 2025.

Accordingly, in the hearing today, the PIO and the DD(PR), Shri A.G.Ligu are present, but the appellant, Shri Bengia Jayanta is again absent without any intimation.

Heard the PIO and the DD(PR), Shri A.G.Ligu.

The PIO, reiterated his submission made on earlier hearing that the DD(RE) does not hold the information/documents sought for by the appellant but he being the PIO of the Public Authority concerned (Directorate of Panchayat), has to collect the documents from the DD(PR), the custodian of the records relating to the establishment which fact is also admitted by Shri Ligu, the DD(PR) who submitted that most of the records /documents/ files etc. relating to the promotion/appointment of the staff were misplaced during the shifting of the records necessitated by the dismantling of portion of the office building. The DD(PR), therefore, requested for some more time to trace out the records/documents.

This Commission, upon hearing the PIO, Shri Nabam Rajesh, the DD(RE) and Shri A.G.Ligu, DD(PR), observes and holds that in so far as the information pertaining to the subjects relating to promotion/appointment in Public Authority in question is concerned, the DD(PR) should be the appropriate PIO and accordingly, this Commission, under section19(8)(a)(ii) of the RTI Act, 2005, appoints the DD(PR), Directorate of Panchayat Raj as the respondent PIO who shall be responsible for answering/defending the appeal under section 19 of the RTI Act,2005.

The hearing of this appeal is adjourned to 09.05.2025 on or before which date the DD(PR) shall make an endeavor to trace out the sought for information and furnish the same to the appellant and the appellant is also directed to collect the information from the PIO and intimate this Commission of the receipt of the information within one week thereafter failing which this appeal shall be disposed of and closed as not being interested for further consideration by this Commission.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 9th April, 2025.

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

Memo No. APIC-06/2024/527

Dated Itanagar, the / April, 2025

Copy to:

The FAA, the Director (Panchayat Raj), Govt. of A.P, Itanagar for information and ensuring compliance of this order by the PIO, the DD(PR).

The PIO, o/o Director, (Panchayati Raj), Govt of A.P Itanagar for information. 2.

3. Shri A.G. Ligu, the Dy. Director (PR)-cum-PIO, the Director (Panchayat Raj), Govt of A.P Itanagar for information & compliance.

Shri Bengia Jayanta, Huto Village Near old Shiv Mandir, PO/PS- Doimukh, Papum Pare District, (A.P) Mobile No. 8414096555 PIN:791112 for information.

5. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.

6. Office copy.

7. S/Copy.

Registrar/ Deputy Registrar APIC, Itanagar

Deputy Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

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