

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC

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An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-96/2025

Shri Mamu Sono -V/S- PIO-Cum-EE, WRD, Bomdila Div., W/Kameng District, A.P.

ORDER

The 1st hearing held on <u>22nd April, 2025'</u> related to the <u>APIC No-96/2025</u>. The Appellant Shri Mamu Sonu present. The PIO is represented by Shri Likha Tasi (Assistant Engineer-cum-APIO) Water Resources Sub-Division, Bomdila, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant stated before the Commission that no information(s) have been received from the office of the PIO till now;

- (i) On the failure of the PIO to furnish the information(s) to the Appellant within prescribed period of time he made an appeal to the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The First Appellate Authority (FAA) who is also Chief Engineer (CE), WRD, Western Zone had passed an order to the PIO, on 30.01.2025 to provide the information(s) to the Appellant.
- (ii) Upon the failure of the PIO to provide the information(s) despite the order from the FAA, he has preferred the 2nd appeal, to the State Information Commission.

Heard the APIO;

The APIO stated before the Commission that the order from the First Appellate Authority (FAA) was received in the last part of January' 2025, preceding the months of February and March which happen to be the financial year end of the Government Department(s), and Bomdila Sub-Division with no sufficient official staffs to cater to the Appellant in compiling and furnishing the information(s) on time was delayed and the Appellant also has filed 10 (ten) number of applications to the office of the PIO which has also made the office of the PIO unable to provide the Appellant such voluminous information(s) on time. But now, after the financial year has ended the office of the PIO has compiled the information(s) and handed over the information(s) to the Appellant today before the Commission. A copy of the index of the information(s) furnished to the Appellant has also furnished been to the Commission as record.

After hearing both the parties and going through the Form-A application of the Appellant, the Commission hereby observes;

That the information(s) sought by the Appellant pertaining to S/Nos. 8 & 9 are THIRD PARTY information(s), S/Nos. 14 & 20 need not be furnished to the Appellant, S/No. 21 is already provided in S/No. 10, for S/No. 22 as the financial year ends, the Government Department submit back the cheque book (Counter Foils) to the Treasury Officer, so the details are not with the PIO. Information(s) pertaining to S/Nos. 24, 25 & 26 are furnished under one

information in Measurement Books (MB), S/No. 27- information(s) which are not in the office of the PIO cannot be furnished. The information(s) pertaining to S/Nos. 28 & 29 are exempted under RTI, Act, 2005.

After hearing the parties and going through the available material on records, the Commission hereby orders;

- 1. The PIO to provide all the remaining information(s) to the Appellant on or before the next date of hearing, if any information(s) remains to be provided.
- 2. The Appellant to intimate the Commission about the information(s) received completely or not, on or before the next date of hearing and to be present on the next date of hearing, failing which this instant appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte.
- 3. Notice need not be issued to the parties as they are present during the hearing personally.

The Commission hereby orders;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 10th day of July, 2025' at 10:30 AM (Morning)

N.B:- To avail online hearing please, notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, by downloading "WEBEX MEETING APP" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance may contact Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957).

It is so ordered this 22nd day of April, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

Sd/-(Vijay Taram) State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar.

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