



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**ITANAGAR.**

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

**Case No. APIC- 585/2025.**

**(Summon to appear in person)**

**(Or.5 R.3 of CPC)**

**APPELLANT** : Shri Tap Sajan, E-Sector Naharlagun.

**RESPONDENTS** : The PIO, o/o the Member Secretary, A.P Bio-Diversity Board, Deptt. of Environment & Forest, SFRI Chimpu, Itanagar.

**ORDER/SUMMON**

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tap Sajan for non-furnishing of 6(six) point information on Implementation of Butterfly Park in Pakke Forest Division, Namdapha Forest Division and Ziro Forest Division by the PIO, o/o the Member Secretaries, A.P Bio-Diversity Board, Deptt. of Environment & Forest, SFRI Chimpu, Itanagar, Govt. of A.P as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 06.02.25.

This appeal was heard in this Commission on 12.09.2025, 22.10.2025, 03.11.2025 and today on 28.01.2026.

On 12.09.2025, none appeared.

On 22.10.2025, wherein the appellant, Shri Tap Sajan and Shri Ngilyang Tangu, Office Asstt. o/o the Member Secretary, AP Bio-Diversity Board, SFRI representing the PIO with some of the requested documents, were present in person, this Commission, upon perusal of the documents brought in by the representative of the PIO and upon hearing the complaint of the appellant that the PIO has furnished incomplete information/documents, had directed the PIO to collect and furnish the left out documents to the appellant and report compliance therewith on or before 04.11.2025. The appellant, however, informed vide his letter dt.06.11.2025, that the following information/documents have still not been furnished by the PIO:

“Namdapha Butterfly Park, DPR, photographs of work undertaken, participating firms or work order.”

In view of the complaint of the appellant, the PIO was directed to furnish the left out information / documents to the appellant so as not to constrain the Commission to initiate penal action against him while making it clear that if the o/o PIO does not hold the left out information, he shall furnish a declaration to that effect by way of an affidavit in terms of section-18(3)(c) of the RTI Act and under rule- 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.

On 03.12.2025 the PIO was absent. The appellant who was present produced the documents furnished by the PIO on 04.11.2025 but complained that the PIO did not furnish the names of the firms who participated in the tender process or whom the work orders were issued in respect of the projects in all 3(three) locations (Sl.No.2 of RTI application), the photographs of entire project in respect of Namdapha (Sl.No.6) and number of events celebrated till date in respect of all 3(three) locations. The appellant also complained that the PIO, though, has furnished the photographs of the gate, trail walking path and some other areas but has not furnished the colour photographs of other items such as pond, water whole development stream, way side amenities, poly house for raising host plants etc. in respect of the project undertaken at Namdapha.

This Commission perused the documents furnished by the PIO to the appellant on 04.11.2025 whereupon it was noticed that the appellant has not, indeed, been furnished the requested documents fully which ought to have been furnished as none of those information / documents sought for are exempted under the RTI Act. The PIO was, therefore, again directed to furnish the left out information to the appellant to avoid penal action under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005. It was yet again made clear that if the left out information are not in the records of the PIO's office, the PIO shall furnish an affidavit to that effect as required under **section-18(3)(c) of the RTI Act and under rule- 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.**

On 28.01.2026, the appellant was present in person who, expressing his utter disappointment on non compliance of the order of this Commission, demanded for penal action against the PIO. The representative of the PIO, o/o the Member Secretary, APBD Board, who was also present along with the Member Secretary, Shri Bengia Abo produced the copy of Member Secretary's letter dt.07.12.2025 by which the CF-cum-Field Director, Namdapha N/Park, DFOs of Pasighat F/Division, Ziro F/Division and Pakke T/Reserve, Seijosa were requested to submit the number of events celebrated and names of firms/contractor who participated in the tender on Butterfly park.

This Commission, upon consideration of the request made by the PIO to the four offices, directed the said offices to provide the requested documents /information available in their respective offices to the PIO, o/o the Member Secretary, APBD Board as mandated under sub-section (5) of section 5 of the RTI Act, 2005 within 4(four) weeks from the date of receipt of order dt.28.01.26 and report compliance thereof in next hearing on 27.02.26.

Today on 27.02.2026, the appellant is present while the PIO is represented by Shri Ngilyang Tangu, O.A along with Shri Oyang Dusu, ACF representing the DFO, Ziro. None appeared from Pakke Kesang, Pasighat and Namdapha. The PIO o/o DFO, Pasighat has, however, vide letter dt.12.02.2026, intimated that the work was executed through 2(two) firms, namely, M/s Abotani Construction and M/s Yanki Nursery but the Division did not organize any important events.

Heard the parties.

The appellant reiterated his demand for the left out information/documents such as names of the firms who participated in the tender process or whom the work orders were issued in respect of the projects (Sl.No.2 of RTI application), in all

3(three) locations, namely, Pakke Kesang, Ziro and Namdapha, the photographs of entire project in respect of Namdapha (Sl.No.6) and number of events celebrated till date in respect of all the said 3(three) locations.

The ACF, Ziro submitted that the requested documents in respect of the Ziro Division are available but he did not bring the same. The representative of the PIO o/o the Member Secretary, APBD Board reiterated the earlier replies furnished to the appellant and also brought in the affidavit as directed earlier. It is, however, noticed that the affidavit sworn in by the PIO did not contain the specific replies /declaration pertaining to the RTI queries.

In view of above, the PIO, o/o the Member Secretary, APBD Board is directed to furnish revised affidavit declaring and mentioning therein the queries viz. (Sl.No.2), (Sl.No.6, in respect of Namdapha) and (Sl.No.7) within 1(one) week and report compliance thereof on 11.03.2026, the next date of hearing. It is made clear that if the PIO fails to comply with the direction, this Commission shall be constrained to invoke the penal provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 27<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE**, you are hereby summoned to appear in person in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu, **SIC on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

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

Memo No. APIC-585/2025/1899 Dated Itanagar, the 3 Feb, 2026

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2. The CC-cum-Field Director, Namdapha National Park, Changlang District compliance.
3. The DFO, Pasighat Forest Division, Pasighat, East Siang Distt. for compliance.
4. The DFO, Ziro Forest Division, Ziro, Lower Subansiri Distt. for compliance.
5. The DFO, Pakke Tiger Reserv Seijosa, Pakke Kessang Distt. for compliance.
6. Shri Tap Sajan, E-Sector, Naharlagun, PO/PS- Naharlagun, Pin code-791110 Phone No. 8729902044 for information.
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