



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-600/2025.

(Summon to appear in person)
(Or.5, R.3 of CPC)

APPELLANT : Shri Takar Jamoh, Bank Tinali, Itanagar.
RESPONDENT : a) The PIO, District Land Revenue & Settlement Officer
(DLRSO), Namsai.

ORDER/SUMMONS

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Takar Jamoh for non furnishing of 3(three) point information by the PIO o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Namsai District Arunachal Pradesh as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 23.12.2024.

This appeal was listed for hearing 3(three) times on 24.09.2025, 29.10.2025 and 26.11.2025.

On 24.09.2025, this Commission had passed the following order:

"The appellant, reiterating his demand for the requested information, pleaded for an appropriate direction to the PIO to furnish the information /replies. The PIO, Ms. K. Namchoom, on the other hand, contended that since the subject matter on which the information has been sought by the appellant pertains to the land revenue and settlement, the RTI application filed by the appellant was transferred to the DLR & SO, Namsai under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. In this regard, the PIO also submitted her written submission through whatsapp.

This Commission, upon perusal of the written statement of the PIO and considering the factual position as obtaining in the case, deems it appropriate to refer to the provisions of sub-sections (4) and (5) of section 5 of the RTI Act, 2005 which is reproduced hereunder: "5(1)....

(2).....

(3).....

(4) The Central Public Information or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, may seek the assistance of any officer as he or she considers it necessary for the proper discharge of his or her duties.

(5) Any officer, whose assistance has been sought under sub-section (4), shall render all assistance to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, seeking his or her assistance and for the purposes of any contravention of the provisions of this Act, such other officer shall be treated as a Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be."

The implication of the provisions of the above sub-sections is that on being requested by the PIO for the assistance of an officer for providing the documents requested by an RTI applicant, the said officer is bound to provide the requested documents/information and in the event of his failure to provide the documents/information, such officer can be proceeded against as a PIO.

This Commission, upon hearing the parties and on perusal of the records and the position of law as above, deems it appropriate to summon the DLR & SO, Namsai in the next date of hearing which is fixed on 29th Oct., 2025 for further consideration of this appeal."

On 29.10.2025 both the respondent PIO, the DLR SO and the appellant, Shri Takar Jamoh were absent but the appellant had intimated vide his letter dt.28.10.2025 that he was out of station (at Delhi) for medical treatment at AIIMS and requested for adjournment of the hearing to a later date. The hearing was, therefore, adjourned to 26.11.2025.

Today, on 26.11.2025, the respondent PIO is again absent without any intimation. The non-appearance of the PIO without any intimation to the Commission amounts to blatant disrespect to this Commission and the RTI regime.

The hearing is adjourned to 28.01.2026. It is made clear that if the PIO and/or the DLR SO do not appear in the next date, this Commission shall be constrained to invoke the penal provisions of the RTI Act.

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

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby summoned to appear in person or online in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu, **SIC on the 28th Jauay, 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

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Dated Itanagar, the

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Nov., 2025

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2. The PIO, o/o the D.C, Namsai Distt, Namsai PIN: 792103 for information.
3. The PIO, the DLR & SO, Namsai District PIN: 792103 for information and compliance.
4. Shri Takar Jamoh, Bank Tinali, Near Head Post Office, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791 111 Contact No : 7005670629 for information.
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