

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC

ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-150/2024

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

Shri Pisa Tapam -V/S- PIO-Cum-DLRSO, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, A.P.

SUMMON

WHEREAS, in connection with the <u>APIC-No. 150/2024</u>, your personal appearance is required before the Commission on 13th JANUARY, 2026 at 01:30 PM. The 7th hearing held on <u>16th September</u>, 2025. Both the parties are found absent without intimating to the Commission the reason for their inability to attend the hearing before the Commission.

In the absence of both the parties.

The Commission observes;

The PIO-cum-District Land Revenue & Settlement Officer (DLR & SO) Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District was ordered to pay penalty amounting to Rs. 25,000/- (rupees twenty five thousand only) for violation of Sub-Section (1) of Section 7 of RTI, Act, 2005. The penalty amount had to be deposited through Treasury Challan payment in the name of Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) against the Head of Account No. 0070, but the PIO-cum-DLR & SO, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has not provided the details of the payment of the penalty even after 3 (three) months of the order.

And therefore, the Director Land Management, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is hereby ordered to initiate Disciplinary Action against the PIO-cum-DLRSO, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, and the action taken report against the PIO be submitted to the Commission without fail.

The order is issued under the provisions of Section 20(1) 20(2) and 25(5) of the RTI, Act, 2005.

To confirm the payment of the penalty as well as the furnishing of the information(s) to the Appellant, the next date of hearing be fixed by sending notice to both the parties.

Under the above stated facts and circumstances, the Commission hereby orders;

1. The Director, Land Management, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to initiate disciplinary action against the PIO-cum-DLRSO as per the provisions of Section 20(1), (2) and Section 25(5) of RTI, Act, 2005 and to submit the action taken report against the PIO on or before the next date of hearing.

- 2. The PIO to provide the information(s) to the Appellant as ordered on 05.06.2025 and to provide the details of payment of penalty through treasury challan.
- 3. Send notice to the PIO to be present in person or through online mode in the next date of hearing without fail.
- 4. Send notice to the Appellant to be present in person or through online mode in the next date of hearing without fail.

The Commission hereby orders;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 13th January, 2025' at 1:30 PM (Evening).

N.B:- 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 may contact Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957).

It is so ordered this 16th day of September, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

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

Memo. No. APIC-150/A/2024 931 Copy to:

1. The PIO-Cum-DLRSO, Koloriang, K/Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Pincode- 791118

2. Shri Pisa Tapam, Sate Village, PO-Sarli, K/Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact No-8413931088

3. The computer Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC, please.

4. Office Copy.

APIC Itanagar

Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

Date: 16.09.2025

The Director Land Management Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar.

Sub:

Initiation of disciplinary action against the PIO-cum-District Land Revenue & Settlement Officer (DLR & SO), Kolorinag, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of A.P for non-compliance of Court order in relation to APIC-No. 150/2024.

Ref:

Section 20(1), (2) and Section 25(5) of RTI, Act, 2005.

Sir,

Whereas, it has come to the attention of this court, that the Public Information Officer (PIO)-cum-DLRSO, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, has failed to comply with the judgment by the court of the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) on 05.06.2025 concerning an appeal filed under Section 19(3) of the RTI, Act, 2005 against their office.

And whereas, the matter came up for hearing before the Commission on 14.05.2024, 24.09.2024, 14.11.2024, 21.01.2025, 20.03.2025, and on 05.06.2025.

On June 5, 2025, the APIC delivered a judgment mandating the PIO to furnish information to the appellant Shri Pisa Tapam. Furthermore, the judgment included a directive for the PIO to pay a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- (rupees twenty five thousand only) for violation of Sub-Section (1) of Section 7 of RTI, Act, 2005 to be processed through a treasury challan under the head of account 0070 and submitted to the Registrar of the APIC. Regrettably, it has come to our attention on 16.09.2025 that the required information was not provided to the Appellant and the penalty has not been remitted as ordered.

This failure to comply with a court order undermines the authority of the APIC and the Right to Information Act, 2005. Such negligence raises significant concerns about the commitment of officials to uphold the law, which is essential for transparent governance. As per the provisions outlined in Section 20 (1), (2), and 25 (5) of the RTI Act, 2005, I urge you to initiate disciplinary action against the PIO.

This situation not only discredits the efforts of the commission but also sets a precedent that could potentially lead to further non-compliance from other officials. It is imperative that we uphold the integrity of the RTI Act to ensure that it is treated with the seriousness it deserves.

To demonstrate compliance and accountability, I request that an action-taken report be submitted to the APIC along with copies of all relevant information and the details of the penalty payment.

This is in anticipation for your prompt attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your swift action in ensuring compliance with the APIC's orders.

Issued under the seal of this court.

Vijay Taram State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar.