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**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC
ITANAGAR**

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005.
Vide Case No. APIC-1002/2023

Miss Palen Laa & Smt Yukar Yaga -V/S- PIO-Cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District A.P.

ORDER

The 5th hearing held on **13th November' 2025'** related to the **APIC No-1002/2023**.
The Appellant Shri Palen Laa is present.

The PIO-cum-District Horticulture Officer (DHO), Shri Taw Papu, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is present during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant informed that this is an application filed in the year 2023 but till now also the information(s) have not been furnished to him.

Heard the PIO;

Shri Taw Papu, PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, stated before the Commission that this is an application filed before his taking charge as the PIO, as he has joined the office on 22nd day of May' 2025 and so he is not fully abreast with the records of the Form-A application.

Despite the failure of the previous PIOs to furnish the information to the Appellant, I under take to provide the information(s) which are at the office of the PIO and for the rest which are not available I will not be able to provide them to the Appellant.

After hearing both the parties the Commission observes;

- i) The PIOs are duty bound to attend the court hearing(s) whenever an appeal is preferred against the PIO and whenever the notices/summons for presence in the hearing is served upon the office of the PIO.
- ii) Certain PIOs are of the habit now to simply state that the information(s) or records are not available with the office of the PIO which in fact are not prudent on the part of the PIO as well as on the functioning of the public office of the PIO as the old information(s) should be kept for records and also maintain it safely and securely.

In the light of the above the Commission hereby orders;

- i) The PIO to provide the information(s) available at his office to the Appellant within 1 (one) month from today.
- ii) For those information(s) which are not available at the office of the PIO, the PIO to give it in the form of an affidavit stating that those information(s) are not available with his office.
- iii) To ascertain the furnishing of the information(s) by the PIO and receipt of the information by the Appellant another date for hearing be fixed.
- iv) The PIO should be present in person or through online mode without fail in the next date of hearing, failing which necessary action will be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of RTI, Act, 2005.
- v) The Appellant to intimate the Commission about the receipt of the information from the PIO and to be present in the next date of hearing without fail, failing which this instant appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte.
- vi) Notice need not be issued to both the parties as they are present during the hearing before the Commission.

The Commission hereby orders;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 19th day of March 2026' at 10:30 AM (Morning).

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 on this 13th day of November, 2025 at 02:30 PM.

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

Memo. No. APIC-1002/A/2023 / 1018

Dated Itanagar, the 14th November, 2025

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