

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No. APIC-1028/2023

Dated Itanagar, the 28th April,2025

(Under Section 20 (1) RTI Act, 2005) (Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Appellant: Shri Mamu Sono

-VS-

<u>Respondent</u>: PIO-cum-EE(IMC), Part-II. Naharlagun Sub-Division.

ORDER.

The 5th hearing was held on 28th April, 2025 related to the APIC No-1028/2023(Appeal). The appellant Shri Mamu Sono present in person but the PIOcum-EE, IMC Part-II found absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through all the case record, the PIO was issued 1st Show Cause Notice on 3rd hearing dated 24/02/2025 as to why not impose the Sub-Section-1 of the Section-20 against the PIO for gross violation of the Sub-Section-1 of the Section-7 of RTI Act, 2005 and the PIO was directed to reply to the notice immediately and also directed to appear before the Commission in the next date of hearing on 26/03/2025. Last Warning Show Cause Notice was also issued to the PIO on 26/03/2025, but still the PIO failed to comply the direction of the Commission even after giving repeated Show Cause notice.

It is also seen from the case record that the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (IMC) Part-II, Naharlagun Sub-Division, is absent consecutively 5 (five) hearings dated 02/12/2024, 13/01/2025, 24/02/2025, 26/03/2025 and 28/04/2025.

By seeing the reluctant attitude of the PIO and not complying the order of the Commission, the Commission invoked the Sub-Section (1) of the Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and imposed penalty of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only against the PIO for violation of Sub-Section (1) of Section-7 of the RTI Act, 2005. PIO is directed to deposit the penalty amount into **Head of Account "0070"** address to the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission, Itanagar and submit a copy of the Treasury Challan to the Commission.

It seems that the PIO also harassed mentally & physically to the appellant by not cooperating him and refuse to furnish the information till 5th hearing. So the PIO is also directed to compensate the appellant a sum of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only for the monetary losses incurred during to & fro journey expense etc.

The PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission in the next hearing and provide the information if not exempted under RTI Act.

The Commission fixed next date of hearing on 16/06/2025 at 1030 hours.

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- 2. The Director, Urban Local Bodies, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for kind information and necessary action please.
- 3. The PIO-Cum-EE, IMC (Part-II), Naharlagun Sub-Division, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.
- 4. Shri Mamu Sono, Sood Village, Naharlagun Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information. Contact No.9436121551
- 5. The Computer Programmer/Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC and mail.
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Sd/-(Khopey Thaley) State Information Commissioner

APIC, Itanagar. Dated Itanagar, the. 2.G. April, 2025.

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