





ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC) ITANAGAR

Dated Itanagar the 10<sup>th</sup> April'2025

Appellant

## File No.APIC-594/2023(Appeal)

Shri Bengia Apo Village Tayang PO/PS: Koloriang Kurung Kumey District Arunachal Pradesh. Pin: 791118. (M) 9362559211

versus

### Shri Pama Bagang

Respondent

PIO cum PD DRDA Koloriang Kurung Kumey District Arunachal Pradesh. Pin: 791118.

## Date of Judgement / Order: 10.04.2025

## <u>ORDER</u>

The 8th hearing held on **24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025** related to RTI appeal case number **APIC-594/2023**. The Appellant Shri Begia Apo is present and PIO is again absent. The PIO is absent consecutively for 8<sup>th</sup> times without intimating to the commission the reason for his inability to attend the hearing, which is unbecoming on the part of the PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO besides public duties, also has to attend Court hearings when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO.

During the last hearing, the Appellant stated before the Commission that till date no information(s) has been received from the PIO, even after the orders of the Commission dated 13.10.2023, 15.12.2023, 15.12.2023, 17.05.2024, 28.06.2024, 29. 08.2024, 9.12.2024 and 24.03.2025 to provide the information (s) to the Appellant.

In the last hearing of 29<sup>th</sup>Aug'2024, under the provisions of section 25(5) of **RTI Act 2025, the PIO was issued Show Cause Notice** to ensure the attendance of the PIO in the instant appeal, without fail on, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec' 2024. Further, the FAA cum Deputy Commissioner was also sent a copy of it for information. On 9<sup>th</sup> Dec' 2024 hearing imposed Penal Action to PIO Shri Pama Bagang, PD, DRDA Koloriang as he (PIO) is again absent despite of Show Cause Notice served during last hearing.

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### The Commission observes:

(i) That during last hearings the Commission issued Show Cause Notice and Penal Action to the PIO to appear in person or through online mode before the Commission in the next date of hearing, which is today the 24<sup>th</sup>March 2025.

(ii) That PIO was ordered to furnish all the information(s) to the Appellant as applied in his form 'A' application on or before next date of hearing. Failing which necessary action shall be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.But, it is presumed that the PIO has not complied with the order. And therefore, the Commission orders:

(i) To issue bailable arrest warrant to the PIO directing the officer in-charge of Koloriang Police Station, Kurung Kumey District, to arrest and produce the PIO at the Court of the State Information Commission on the next date of hearing i.e 26.05. 2025 at 2:00 PM, without fail.

(ii) Send notice to Appellant to attend the hearing on next date fix for hearing, failing which this instant appeal shall be decided ex-parte.

The Commission ordered:

That the next date of hearing be fixed on 26.05. 2025 at 2:00 PM.

**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. 831.9014957).

# It is so ordered this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March'2025 at 2 PM.

Sd/-(Dani Gamboo) Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar the *...* April' 2025.

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- 2. The Superintendent of Police, Kurung Kumey District, Koloriang.
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