



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC
ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 18(3) of RTI Act, 2005.
Vide Case No. APIC-712//2025

(Summon to appear in person)

(Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Tatung Ponung -V/S- PIO-O/O-DLRSO, Palin, Kra-Daadi District

To,

The District Land Revenue & Settlement Officer,
Palin Division,
Kra-Daadi District, A.P.

WARNING SUMMON

WHEREAS, in connection with the **APIC-No. 712/A/2026**, your personal appearance is required before the Commission on **15th October 2026 at 10:30 AM**. The 2nd hearing held on **6th day of August' 2026**. The Appellant Shri Tatung Ponung is present with his legal Counsel during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-District Land Revenue & Settlement Officer (DLR&SO), Palin, Kra-Daadi District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is absent without reporting the reason for his absence despite being present in the last hearing on 12.03.2026 and in the know of the next date for hearing which was pronounced before him while he was present in the court through online mode.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant stated that the PIO has provided partial information to him and to be specific out of the information sought under Form-A of the Appellant, the S/Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 have not been provided to him, only the information applied under S/No. 4 of the Form-A has been furnished to the Appellant till now. For the rest of the information the PIO has simply taken the excuse that the other information are exempted information under Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI, Act, 2005.

After hearing the Appellant, the Commission hereby observes;

- i) Copy of Cheque Slips: the PIO has written back to the Appellant that Cheque Slips are financial instrument containing financial details of the individual beneficiaries and so are exempted under Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI, Act, 2005, to which the Commission is of the opinion that Cheque Slips don't provide the banking details of an individual, but, instead of disclosing cheque slips, the PIO can provide the amount of payments made to certain individuals within the Chainage Map (85+330 to 113+250).
- ii) Copy of Billing Vouchers: the PIO has stated that billing vouchers are internal financial records containing third-party information(s) and so, are not in public domain, so disclosure of personal and private information are under exemption under Section 8 (1) (j) of RTI, Act, 2005, but, this need to be justified by the PIO-cum-DLRSO, instead of taking pretext of exemption and a detailed discussion of the matter is needed on the issue.
- iii) Copy of beneficiaries undertaking: the PIO to justify as to how copy of beneficiaries of undertaking can be personal/confidential information.

- iv) Copy of Chainage Map from 85+336 to 113+250: the contention of the PIO need to be justified before the Commission.
- v) Copy of Geo-tag report: the PIO simply writing back not available with his office cannot be considered for the reason that Section 6(3) of the RTI, Act, 2005 states that whenever, any information applied before the PIO, is not available with the concerned PIO, the PIO is under liability to transfer the Form-A to the competent authority from where the information can be obtained, within 5 days, instead of taking any another excuse or reason, in this case the PIO should have transferred the Form-A of the Appellant to the executing agency i.e Border Road Organisation (BRO) within the time frame as provided under RTI, Act, 2005, to which the PIO has failed in his duties.

Under the above observations, the Commission hereby pass the below orders;

- i) Warning Summons be issued to the PIO-cum-DLR&SO, Kra-Daadi District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to be present in the next hearing without fail, failing which he shall be arrested and brought before the court of the Commission for hearing.
- ii) The Appellant to be present in the next hearing without fail, failing which the Commission will presume that the PIO has provided him complete information, and thereby, this appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte, by way of disposing of this appeal.
- iii) Send notice for the next hearing to the PIO-cum-DLR&SO, Kra-Daadi District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- iv) Notice for the next hearing need not be sent to the Appellant as he is present during the hearing before the Commission.

The Commission hereby orders;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 15th day of October' 2026 at 10:30 AM (Morning).

N.B:- To avail online hearing, please 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 06th day of August, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo. No. APIC-712/A/2025

Dated Itanagar, the 7th August, 2026

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