



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

BEFORE THE FULL BENCH COURT OF STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS

No.APIC-82/2023

Dated, Itanagar the 12th March, 2024

An Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Shri Tadar Tai, Nyokum Lapang, Itanagar. PIN-791111, (M)9366852886.

Vs

Respondent: Shri Ejum Angu, the SPIO-cum-DPDO, Govt. A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, District Kurung Kumey, Arunachal Pradesh. PIN-791118.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tadar Tai, Nyokum Lapang, Itanagar for non-furnishing of information by the SPIO-cum-DPDO, Govt.A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, District Kurung Kumey, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 20/10/2022 regarding District Wise FFC Fund release under FFC Basic grants to Rural Local bodies No. PR-EW/341/2020/2908 Dated, the 14th December 2020 amounting to the Rupees 27,81,000,00/- (Twenty Seven Crore Eighty one lakh) only in favour of Kurung Kumey District.

The 4th hearing is held today on 12th March, 2024 as scheduled. Shri Ejum Angu, the SPIO-cum-DPDO, Govt. A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, District Kurung Kumey, Arunachal Pradesh is absent. The Appellant is Shri Tadar Tai alone is present.

Despite warning order passed during the 3rd hearing held on 28th November, 2023 and to show cause on his willful absence and non-compliance of the directions of Commission, the SPIO remained absent during the 4th hearing. The willful absence and gross violation of the provisions of the RTI Act 2005 is viewed very seriously.

The Commission hereby impose penalty of Rs. 25, 000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only against Shri Ejum Angu, the SPIO-cum-DPDO, Govt. A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, District Kurung Kumey, Arunachal Pradesh for the gross violation of the provisions of the RTI Act 2005. The SPIO is directed to deposit the said penalty amount in favour of the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar through Treasury Challan in the Head of Account "0070-Other Administrative Charge". The penalty amount has to be deposited before 30th March, 2023 and has to produce the proof of depositing the amount through treasury challan along with all the information as sought for by the Appellant on the next date of hearing failing which additional action shall be initiated under Section 20(2) of the Act i.e. recommendation for disciplinary action and arrest warrant under 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act to compel the attendance in the court hearing.

Both the parties are directed to appear before the Commission's court in persons on the next date of hearing. In case the SPIO fails to appear the Commission shall be compelled to invoke recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under section 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005 and if Appellant remains absent the Commission shall dispose of the case without any further notice, presuming that the Appellant is no more interested in the information.

The next date of hearing is fixed on 23rd April, 2024 (Tuesday) at 1030hrs.

Therefore, Shri Ejum Angu, the SPIO-cum-DPDO, Govt. A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, District Kurung Kumey, Arunachal Pradesh is hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person on the scheduled date and time without fail.

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

(Rinchen Dorjee)

State Chief Information Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

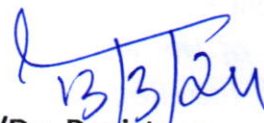
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Dated, Itanagar the 13 March, 2024

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1. The Deputy Commissioner, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, District Kurung Kumey, PIN-791118, to ensure attendance of Shri Ejum Angu, the SPIO-cum-DPDO, Govt. A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, District Kurung Kumey, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.
2. The Director-cum-FAA, Govt. A.P., O/o the Directorate of Panchayati Raj, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791111, to ensure attendance of Shri Ejum Angu, the SPIO-cum-DPDO, Govt. A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, District Kurung Kumey, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.
3. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website.
4. Case file.



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