



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF MAJOR GENERAL JARKEN GAMLIN, AVSM, SM,
VSM (RETD), STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

No.APIC-378/A/2025

Dated, Itanagar the 25th August' 2026

Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Ms Bengia Mama, Dariya Hill Colony near Donyi Polo Road, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791111, (M) 8131048898.

Vs

Respondent: Shri M.F. Bengia, PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791118.

ORDER

1). This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Ms Bengia Mama, Dariya Hill Colony near Donyi Polo Road, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information by the PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 20/01/2025 regarding Construction of Compound Wall around Upper Primary School Yumlam at Yumlam, in Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh.

2). The 3rd hearing was held on 25th August' 2026. Shri M.F. Bengia, PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh was absent. The Appellant Ms Bengia Mama was present.

3). During the 2nd hearing held on 7th July 2026, the absence of the PIO, without prior intimation and justifiable reason, was viewed seriously and SHOW CAUSE was issued. In spite of caution and reasonable opportunity given, the PIO failed to respond to the Commission's notice and remained absent during the 3rd hearing. The willful absence, violation of provisions of the RTI Act and non-compliance of directions of the Commission has been viewed as breach of fundamental right of a citizen and contempt of court. The Commission hereby impose a **penalty of Rs. 25, 000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) against** the PIO, Shri M.F. Bengia, PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act. The PIO, Shri M.F. Bengia, PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh 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"**.

4). The penalty amount has to be deposited before **20th September' 2026** and the proof of depositing the amount through treasury challan along with all the information as sought by the Appellant has to be produced 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 person before the Court.

5). The next date of hearing is fixed on 6th October'2026 (Tuesday) at 1100hrs.

6).Therefore, Shri M.F. Bengia, PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh, is hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person or through Video Conferencing on the scheduled date and time without fail, failing which the case will be heard and determined ex-parte and **arrest warrant under section 18(3)(a)** of the RTI Act, 2005 shall be invoked. In case the Appellant fails to be present on the day of hearing the case would be disposed of.

N.B: - PIO and Appellant can avail online mode of hearing by downloading "**Webex App**" from Google Play store. May contact **Shri Himanshu Verma** at **Mob:- 8319014957** for further technical assistance.

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

[Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)],
State Chief Information Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

Memo No.APIC-378/A/2025

Dated, Itanagar the 27 August' 2026

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1. The Chief Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, A.P. Civil Secretariat, Itanagar, PIN-791111 for necessary action.
2. The Commissioner/ Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment and Tribal Affairs Department (SJETA), Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, A.P. Civil Secretariat, Itanagar, PIN-791111 for necessary action.
3. The Director-cum- First Appellate Authority, Social Justice, Empowerment and Tribal Affairs Department (SJETA), Banquet Hall, Itanagar, PIN-791111 for necessary action.
4. Deputy Commissioner, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal, PIN-791118 Pradesh for necessary action.
5. Shri M.F. Bengia, PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791118 for compliance.
6. Ms Bengia Mama, Dariya Hill Colony near Donyi Polo Road, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791111, (M) 8131048898, for compliance.
7. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website.
8. Case file.

Registrar / Dy. Registrar

Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

Deputy Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar