ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)
ITANAGAR

File No. APIC-641/2026(Appeal)

Shri Ojing Tamin **Appellant**
Boleng Siang District AP.
M) 9402773476/6009238200
791004

versus

PIO,
O/o the Deputy Commissioner **Respondent**
Boleng Siang Dist. AP.
791004

ORDER

Date of Decision: 12.10.2026

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER : Dani Gamboo
Relevant facts emerging from appeal.

RTI application filed on	:	17.06.2026
SPIO replied on	:	Not on record
First appeal filed on	:	29.07.2026
First Appellate Authority's Order	:	11.8.2026 by Circle Officer-PIO
Second Appeal filed on	:	04.09.2026

Information sought:

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 17.06.2026 seeking following information regarding certified records of expenditure on logistics, facility management, IEC campaigns, meetings and exposure tours related to Siang Dam (FY 2024-25 to 2025-26).

1. Steering Committee Meetings & Official Events

Provide date-wise list of all meetings conducted.
Provide certified copies of:
Administrative approvals and sanction orders
Detailed expenditure statements (head-wise)
Bills, vouchers, and invoices.
Provide vendor details and mode of procurement (GeM/tender/nomination basis)

2. Logistics & Facility Management (Office Establishment)

Provide total funds allocated and utilized.
Provide certified copies of:
Procurement orders for office equipment/materials

Maintenance and repair works of buildings
Utility expenditure records (electricity, water, etc.)
Furnishing and conference hall setup expenses
Provide copies of work orders, completion certificates, and payment records.

3. IEC Campaign (Public Awareness for Siang Dam)

Provide total budget sanctioned and expenditure incurred.
Provide certified copies of:
Campaign approvals and action plans
Media/advertisement bills (print, electronic, social media)
Programme expenses (public meetings, awareness camps, IEC materials)
Provide details of agencies engaged, along with selection/empanelment records.

4. Exposure Tours / Site Visits (Domestic & International)

Provide complete list of tours conducted.
Provide certified copies of:
Tour approvals and sanction orders
List of participants (officials/non-officials)
Travelling expenses details (airfare, accommodation, DA, transport)
Tour reports and outcomes submitted after visits.
Provide permissions/clearances obtained for such visits.

5. Travel, Hospitality & Miscellaneous Expenditure

Provide certified copies of all bills and records related to:
Travel arrangements
Hotel accommodation
Catering and hospitality services during meetings /events

6. File Notings, Audit & Accountability

Provide certified copies of file notings showing decision making and approval.
Provide audit reports / utilization certificates for the above expenditure.
Provide names and designations of officers responsible for sanctioning and monitoring this expenditure.

7. Record Inspection.

Decision:

The Commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, and perusal of the records, observes that;

Whereas, first appeal case was heard on 11.08.2026 by CO-cum-PIO O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Siang District, Boleng and passed a judgement order stating that the PIO has informed that the information sought by the appellant falls within the exempted under section 8(1) (a) and 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Whereas, the FAA-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Siang District being the statutory appellate authority should have conduct the hearing giving fair and equal opportunity to both the appellant and the PIO and thereafter pass reasoned and speaking order on merit and disposed of the first appeal filed to him by following statutory procedure laid down in the Arunachal Pradesh Right to Information (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.

Whereas, the Circle Officer-cum-PIO has not applied his own mind and adjudicated the case by the order of FAA and passed an order in speaking order. The appeal is not yet disposed of.

As laid down at para-38 of the Guidelines for the FAA issued by the GoI and the State Govt. OM No. AR-111/2008 Dated 21st August, 2008, adjudication on the appeals under RTI Act is a quasi-judicial function. It is, therefore, necessary that the Appellate Authority should see to it that the justice is not only done but it should also appear to have been done. In order to do so, the order passed by the appellate authority should be a speaking order giving justification for the decision arrived at.

Now Therefore, the instant appeal case is remanded to First Appellate Authority. Therefore, the **FAA-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Siang District, Boleng** following the principle of natural justice, shall conduct hearing giving fair and equal opportunity to both the appellant and the PIO and thereafter pass reasoned and speaking order on merit within three weeks from the date of receipt of this order under intimation to this commission.

The case will be resume in case:

1. If the Appellant is not satisfied with the information furnished to him by PIO based on the judgement order passed by the FAA.
2. If the FAA has denied the requested information based on specific exemptions/ grounds provided under the RTI Act, 2005.

Order pronounced in the Open Court of this Commission today this 7th day of October' 2026. Each copy of the Judgement / Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission / Court on this 7th day of October' 2026.

Sd/-
(Dani Gamboo)
Information Commissioner

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APIC
Memo No. APIC-641/A/2026/ 190 Dated Itanagar the 14 Oct.' 2026.
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1. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-FAA Siang District Boleng for necessary action.
2. Computer Programmer Itanagar APIC to upload in APIC website and mailed to concerned department email.
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Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar