ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005.
Vide Case No. APIC-712/2025

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

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ORDER

The 3rd hearing held on **15th day of October' 2026'** related to the **APIC No-712/A/2025**. The Appellant Shri Tatung Ponung is present with his counsel Shri Marnya Ete, during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-District Land Revenue and Land Settlement Officer (DLRSO), Palin, Kra-Daadi District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is present during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant stated that the PIO has provided him the information listed under Serial No. 4 of his Form-A, and the rest information applied under Serial Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 are not provided till now.

Heard the PIO;

The PIO stated that the information applied by the Appellant under his Form-A, in S/No. 1 which is to provide copies of the cheque leafs paid to individual beneficiaries of the compensation for the construction of a proposed defense road cannot be furnished as it is the personal information/document of an individual and divulging the money of an individual to a third party can be jeopardizing the life and security of an individual. Regarding the S/No. 2- copies of billing voucher for the payment of compensation will be provided to the Appellant, and regarding the information sought under S/No.3- of the Form-A of the Appellant that is copies of the beneficiaries under taking shall be provided to the Appellant. Regarding S/No.4- copies of the Per Square Meter Government rate has been already provided to the Appellant as well as this piece of is information available in the Government Website as Suo-Moto information. Regarding information sought under S/Nos.- 5 & 6 copies of the chainage of the road and copies of the Geo-tag report of the project cannot be provided to the Appellant as the job is not under taken by the office of the PIO and on top of all, the road is

a designated defense road, so this two particular information cannot be divulged to a public which also has been advised by the, Secretary Land Management, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, vide order No. LMD-13011(12) 5/2021 Dated: 21.11.2024, not to divulge the same information to any third party.

The same information had been applied by two other individuals earlier for which they have also preferred Second appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), and the court of APIC also declined them the information for which they have approached the Guwahati High Court Itanagar, Permanent Bench, wherein, the matter is pending to be adjudicated.

After hearing both the parties, the Commission observes;

1. The PIO has provided the information pertaining to S/No. 4 of the Form-A of the Appellant, the information sought under S/No.1 being personal information has not been furnished to the

Appellant, the information for S/Nos. 2 & 3 are not exempted under RTI, Act, 2005, and therefore, the PIO had to provide both the information to the Appellant and the information pertaining to S/Nos. 5 & 6 being the information regarding a defense strategic project, comes under exemption clause of RTI, Act, 2005, and therefore, the information have not been provided by the PIO till now.

Under the above observation the Commission hereby order the PIO to provide the information regarding copies of the Billing Voucher and copy of beneficiaries under taking to the Appellant within one month from today without any further delay and without fail, failing which, the PIO will be penalized as well as recommended to be initiated disciplinary action against the PIO according to the CCS conduct rules. Following the necessary procedure and the above observations, the Commission hereby orders as follows;

1) The PIO to provide the information pertaining to the Serial Nos. 2 & 3 of the Form-A to the Appellant within one month from today without fail, failing which necessary action will be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of RTI, Act, 2005.
2) The Appellant to be present in the next date of hearing without fail, failing which, the Commission will presume that the PIO has provided the complete information to the Appellant, and will hear and determine this appeal ex-parte, by way of disposing this appeal.
3) Notice for the next hearing need not be sent to both the parties, as both the parties are present today.

The Commission hereby orders;

The next date for hearing be fixed on 12th day of January' 2027 at 2:00 PM (Evening).

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. 8319014957).**

It is so ordered on this 15th day of October, 2026 at 02:30 PM.

Sd/-
(Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo. No. APIC-712/A/2025 1918 **Dated Itanagar, the 16 October 2026**

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