



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)
ITANAGAR**

File No. APIC-No.830/2025 (Appeal)

Shri Jeme Miku

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Pin-791002

Appellant

Versus

FAA,

Deputy Commissioner (DC)
Yingkiong Upper Siang District AP.
Pin-791002

FAA-Respondent-1

PIO,

Department of Forest (Territory)
Yingkiong Forest Division Upper
Siang District AP.
Pin-791002

PIO-Respondent-2

ORDER

Date of Hearing: 13.07.2026

Date of Decision: 13.07.2026

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER : Dani Gamboo

Relevant facts emerging from appeal.

RTI application filed on	:	02.07.2025
SPIO replied on	:	not on record
First appeal filed on	:	11.08.2025
First Appellate Authority's Order	:	not on record
Second Appeal filed on	:	28.10.2025

Information sought:

The appellant has filed an RTI application dated 02.07.2025 seeking following information pertaining to Department of Forest (Territory)

Details of information required: -

1. Certified copy (signed, seal in each page and paginated) of document indicating the names of all concerned officers who were delegated the responsibilities for taking GPS coordinates in

all respective land leased or acquired for plantations under CAMPA fund (both NPV & CA) from 2020-2025 for Idu Keba VFR.

2. Certified copy (signed, seal in each page and paginated) of document showing all deed of agreements made with department of forest Yingkiong Forest Division for leasing/acquiring land under CAMPA fund (both NPV & CA) from 2020-2025 relating to Idu Keba VFR.

3. Certified copy (signed, seal in each page and paginated) of document indicating the names of all firms/individuals authorized to undertake work for plantations under CAMPA fund (both NPV & CA) and being the financial beneficiary from 2020-2025 relating to Idu Keba VFR.

4. Certified copy of documents (signed, seal in each page and paginated) indicating Direct Benefit Transfer or Cheque Numbers in the name of each actual landowner if any, under CAMPA fund (both NPV & CA) for each year 2021-2025 relating to Idu Keba VFR for whose land was leased/acquired.

5. Certified copy (signed, seal in each page and paginated) of all completion reports finalized and submitted to State CAMPA and National CAMPA under CAMPA funds (both NPV & CA) from 2020-2025 by the Department of Forest, Yingkiong Forest Division relating to Idu Keba VFR.

6. Certified copy (signed, seal in each page and paginated) of all photographs (in color) for all infrastructural works undertaken along with GPS coordinates by the Department of forest, relating to Idu Keba VFR under CAMPA funds (both NPV & CA) for the year 2020-2025 for which completion certificate has been submitted.

7. Certified copy (signed, seal in each page and paginated) of all utilization certificates submitted to the State CAMPA and National CAMPA for all the work undertaken for the year 2020-2025 relating to Idu Keba VFR.

The following were present.

Appellant : Absent.

Respondent PIO : Present through VC. He states that he has written a letter dated 06.08.2025 to the RTI applicant for specifying the information sought but so far, no response from the applicant. He also states that the FAA for his Office is the CCF, Central Circle, Pasighat not the DC, Yingkiong.

Respondent FAA : Shri Naatek Nonaang, ADC represented the FAA through VC. He has stated that the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Siang, Yingkiong has written to the Registry, APIC for discharging from this case.

Decision:

The commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, perusal of the records and hearing the FAA and PIO observes that the appellant has filed first appeal on 11.08.2025 to the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Siang District, Yingkiong and not to the CCF, Central Circle, Pasighat. The appellant has filed a written statement to this commission dated 26.03.2026 (a copy enclosed for PIO). The absence of the appellant in today's hearing without

any intimation of reason thereof is violation of statutory duty under RTI Act, 2005. He is directed to explain the reason of his absence before next date of hearing is fixed.

It is hereby ordered that:

1. The Deputy Commissioner shall dispose of the first appeal filed to him dated 11.08.2025 *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.*

Therefore, the instant appeal case is remanded to First Appellate Authority. Therefore, the **FAA – the Deputy Commissioner, Yingkiong, AP**, 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 two weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

2. The PIO shall respond to the written submission filed by the appellant dated 26.3.2026 to this commission (copy enclosed) within two weeks from the date of issue of this order.

The appellant is at liberty to file 2nd appeal afresh:

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.

Sd/-
(Dani Gamboo)
Information Commissioner

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Dated Itanagar the *15* July' 2026.

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