



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**ITANAGAR.**

**An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005**  
**Case No. APIC-543/2025.**

**APPELLANT**

:Shri Ratan Chetia, vill. Sitpani, Mahadevpur.

**RESPONDENT**

:The PIO, o/o the Land Revenue & Settlement  
Officer Namsai, Namsai District (A.P)

**ORDER**

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Ratan Chetia for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the Land Revenue & Settlement Officer Namsai, Namsai District Arunachal Pradesh as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 03.11.2022.

**A) Particular of information:** Seeking information of Land Details of Mahadevpur Town

**B) Details of information required:**

- (a) Total land covered in Mahadevpur Town with Cadestrial Mao.
- (b) The Dag Nos. with names and address of individuals of Mahadevpur accordance to the 1968 Village Cadestrial survey report.
- (c) The copy of land donation agreement between the Land Donors of Mahadevpur Township Area and the then lehang Administrative Head Quarterts, if any
- (d) The details of, if any Mahadevpur Township Land have been allotted to government servant with Dag Nos.
- (e) The details of LPC issued, if any in Mahadevpur Township Land.

**Brief facts emerging from the appeal:**

Records emerging from the appeal disclose that the Appellants, Shri Ratan Chetia had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information / documents. The PIO in response, furnished the requested documents/information, vide his letter dt. 06.12.22 as under:

Sl. No.	Information sought for	Reply
(a)	Total land covered in Mahadevpur Town with Cadestrial Mao.	130.49 Acre / 52.80 Hect
(b)	The Dag Nos. with names and address of individuals of Mahadevpur accordance to the 1968 Village Cadestrial survey report	Yes
(c)	The copy of land donation agreement between the Land Donors of Mahadevpur Township Area and the then lehang Administrative Head Quarterts, if any	Not Available
(d)	The details of, if any Mahadevpur Township Land have been allotted to government servant with Dag Nos.	Not Available
(e)	The details of LPC issued, if any in Mahadevpur Township Land	No

Subsequently, the appellant, vide his letter dt. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024, requested the PIO for field verification of Mahadevpur Township area for verification/cross checking of all the Dag numbers allotted to different allottees / departments in the said area. On the request of the appellant, the PIO vide his letter dtd. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024 invited the appellant for site visit on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at 1000 hrs. The appellant, however, could not do the field verification on the appointed day as he received the letter from the PIO after a gap of 25 days i.e on 18-12-2025. Hence, the appellant, vide his letter dt. 19-12-2024 again requested for fresh date for site. However, despite several correspondence the appellant failed to receive further response from the PIO which prompted him to file his 1<sup>st</sup> appeal before the First Appellate Authority, the D.C, Namsai vide his letter dt. 19-02-2025.

Records further reveal that the o/o the D.C, Namsai, vide letter dt. 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025 advised the Director, Land Management, Itanagar to take the necessary action stating that the Director (LM) is the FAA as per OM No. AR-117/2015 dt. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2025. In reply to said letter, the Director (Land Management), vide letter dt.26.03.2025, informed the o/o the DC, Namsai that as per office memorandum No. AR-117/2015 dated 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2015 the DC has been notified as the FAA and thus, returned the appeal to the DC, Namsai for further necessary action.

The DC, Namsai, accordingly, heard the appeal on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, and passed the following order:

*"Examined the appeal application and the appellant had specified the reason of appeal for site inspection citing the section 2(j) of the RTI Act 2005.*

*Heard the appellant to the length. The appellant stated that the PIO had given the permission for site inspection along with the officials of the Land Department but that appellant had received the permission letter after the - lapse of the inspection date. Request was made for rescheduling the date but denied.*

*After hearing and perusing of the available record it is concluded that request for inspection also includes private properties of denizens which will be an infringement to the privacy of the individuals. Further, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its Order dated 29/05/2015 in W-P. (c) P 4675/2012 Para 32 states that Information, as defined in the RTI Act, does not take within its ambit information to be derived from carrying out physical verification of properties and carrying out investigation.*

*Therefore, the appeal by the appellant is not considered. |*

*With this order, the instant case is disposed of.*

*| Issue copy of this order to both the parties.*

*Sd/-  
(C R Khampa)  
FAA-cum-DC, Namsai District"  
(emphasis supplied)*

The appellant, apparently, dissatisfied with the order of the FAA as above, preferred his second appeal before this Commission under Section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide memo of appeal dated 06.06.2025.

**Hearing and decision:**

The appeal is, accordingly, heard today on 10.09.2025 wherein the Shri Kago Doni, DLRSO, Namsai, the PIO is present in person and one of the appellants Shri Ratan Chetia appeared through VC.

Heard the parties.

The PIO submitted that the requested information/replies to the queries of the appellant in RTI application had already been furnished to the appellant which the appellant also acknowledged. However, the appellant complained that he was not allowed to have the inspection/verification of the Mahadevpur Township area by the FAA by his aforesaid order.

This Commission upon hearing the parties and on perusal of the order passed by the FAA, noticed that the demand of the appellant for survey/verification of the area, indeed, does not merit favorable consideration for the simple reason that the Commission is not empowered to direct the PIO to allow inspection/verification of the area by any sundry person in the present context unlike the inspection of work as provided under section 2(j)(a) of the RTI Act 2005. Moreover, the original RTI application of the appellant does not contain the request for inspection / verification of the area. This commission, therefore, endorse the order dt.26.05.2025 passed by the FAA refusing to allow the verification/inspection of the area.

This appeal is, accordingly, disposed off and closed.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2025.

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)

State Information Commissioner,

APIC, Itanagar

**Memo No. APIC- 543/2025/882 Dated Itanagar, the 12 Sept., 2025**

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2. The PIO o/o the Land Revenue & Settlement Officer, Namsai, Namsai District (A.P)PIN: 792103 for information
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