



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)  
ITANAGAR

**File No. APIC-727/2025(Appeal)**

**Smti Dopi Miso**

R/o Gipulin village PO/PS: Anini Dibang  
Valley District AP, Pin-792101  
M-9436297846

**Appellant**

Versus

**1. PIO,  
O/o Executive Engineer (Power)  
Electrical Anini Division  
Dibang Valley District AP  
Pin- 792101**

**Respondents**

**2. FAA,  
Chief Engineer (Power) Eastern  
Electrical Zone Namsai,  
Namsai District AP  
Pin- 792103**

**ORDER**

Date of Hearing: 23.02.2026  
Date of Decision: Reserved / 06.03.2026

**INFORMATION COMMISSIONER** : Dani Gamboo

**Relevant facts emerging from appeal.**

RTI application filed on : 25.03.2025  
SPIO replied on : 05.02.2026  
First appeal filed on : 14.05.2026  
First Appellate Authority's Order : 04.02.2026  
Second Appeal filed on : 24.09.2025

**Information sought:**

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 25.03.2025 seeking following information regarding Vide SE(E)/TEC/E-11/2/2022-23/622 dated Tezu the 08/08/2023 wherein One vacant post against Anini Electrical Division is shown as W/C Khalasi (MTS).

**Details of information required: -**

1. As far as I know there are W/C Khalasi Meter Reader/Lineman/Electrician/Wireman/Welder in the power department Now since when and by whom(authority) the post Khalasi (MTS) has been created. Appropriate Govt. order copy may be furnished.

2. Is there any post like W/C (Peon) created by any authority or existing in the Power Department and if yes order copy of approval by the competent authority may be furnished, please.

3. It is seen that many Casual Staffs from a particular trade change the trade seeing the scope of regularization in the forthcoming Trade Test /DPC. Is this trade change by the casual staff permissible and if yes then order copy from the competent be furnished please.

4. Under Anini Electrical Division, kindly furnish the names of staff with their trade opted.

The following were present.

**Relevant facts emerged during hearing:**

Previous Hearing:

First : 12.12.2025

Order of the 1<sup>st</sup> hearing- *"The instant appeal case is remanded to First Appellate Authority. Therefore, the **FAA – Chief Engineer (Power) Eastern Electrical Zone Namsai, District 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 i.e **on or before 03.01.2026.**"*

**Appellant** : Absent. Ld. Counsel for appellant Adv. Khoda Yube represented the appellant. He has insisted for compensation from the PIO for loss and detriment suffered by the appellant due to delay in furnishing the information.

**Respondent PIO** : Absent. Shri Tinku Das (HA) has represented the PIO. He has stated that the information has already been furnished to the appellant through a letter dated 5.2.2026.

**F A A** : Absent. Filed written submission furnishing the order copy of the dispose off of the first appeal with his judgement in speaking order dated 4.2.2026 including a copy of compliance by the PIO by furnishing requisite information to the appellant dated 5.2.2026.

On interjection the counsel for appellant wish to substantiate with court judgement order in support of his claim for compensation.

**Decision:**

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

Whereas, the appellant filed an RTI application to the PIO - Executive Engineer (E), Anini Division on 25.3.2025. The PIO did not respond to this RTI query within 30 days as required under Section 7(1) of the RTI Act. 2005.

Whereas, being aggrieved, the appellant preferred a first appeal under section 19(1) of the act to the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 22.5.2025 & 17.6.2025.

Whereas FAA - Chief Engineer (Power), Eastern Electrical Zone, Namsai without conducting mandated hearing to the Appellant and PIO has unilaterally forwarded back the First Appeal & RTI application to the PIO – Executive Engineer (E), Anini Division on 03.07.2025 and directed the PIO to furnish sought information to the applicant.

Whereas, the PIO has not complied the direction of the FAA. Aggrieved, the appellant preferred a 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal to commission on 24.9.2025 under Section 19 (3) of RTI Act.

Whereas, the first hearing in the commission was held on 12.12.2025 in which the PIO attended through VC and he states that he was not aware of the RTI application pertaining to this appeal case and exited from the VC as we proceeded with other cases as the appellant was absent. Later the Ld. Counsel for

the appellant Shri K Yubey joined when hearing session was on for other cases. He has produced a copy of RTI application which was duly received in the office of the PIO – Executive Engineer (E), Anini.

Whereas the appeal case was remanded back to FAA – Chief Engineer (Power), Eastern Electrical Zone, Namsai on 12.12.2025 with direction:

*"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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 – Chief Engineer (Power) Eastern Electrical Zone Namsai**, Namsai District 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 three weeks from the date of receipt of this order i.e. on or before **3.1.2026** ".*

Whereas, the FAA has heard the remanded case on 30.01.2026 in which the appellant was absent and the PIO was present. The FAA passed order on 04.02.2026 as under –

*"Incompliance with the directions received from the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commissioner (APIC) Vide No APIC-727/2025/648, dtd 18/12/2025 received on 05 01 2026 regarding the RTI Appeal complaint filed by Smti Dopri Miso, Village. Gipulin, POIPS Anini, District Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh, was scheduled on 28 01 2026 at 11.30 hours in the office of the undersigned which was rescheduled on 30 01 2026 at 11.30 hours in the same venue Both the appellant and the EE(E) cum P10 Anini Electrical Division were intimated to be present either in person or through online mode.*

*On the date of hearing the following were present-*

1. Smti Dopri Miso : Appellant Absent
2. Shri Kirdo Loya : PIO/EE(E), Anini Elect. Division, Deptt. of Power, Anini was attended through video conferencing.

*The matter was heard by the FAA. The PIO/EE(E), Anini Elect. Division, DoP, Anini given present his case. The PIO presenting that all the information sought by Smti Dopri Miso could not on time due to busy schedule. The PIO assured the Authority that the complete information within a week from the date of issuing this order. be provided*

*That as per RTI guideline at Para 8.11 FREE OF COST INFORMATION. Section 7(6) mandates that information shall be provided free of cost where the public authority fails to comply with the time limits specified in section 7(1)*

*8.11.a Any information in compliance with this Order will be provided free of cost as per Section 7(6) of RTI Act, (Mr. Mohd Nabi v. MCD, GNCT Delhi, CIC/SG/A/2010/003502/11078 Penalty: 07.02.2011)*

*8.11 b Since this information was not provided to the applicant within the time mandated by the now be provided free of cost in accordance with sub-sec. (6) of Sec. 7 of the RTI Act.*

*The FAA ordered the PIO-cum-EE(E), Aruni to release the certified copies of the documents as sought by the applicant free of cost within one week from the date of issuing this order, and also convey action report to the First Appellate Authority".*

Whereas, in compliance of FAA's above order the PIO has furnished the information to the appellant on 05.02.2026.

Whereas, it is observed that the PIO has delayed furnishing the information to the appellant for more than unexplained ten months period. His explanation to the FAA during the hearing on 4.2.2026 that the information could not furnish to the appellant as he was busy without any compelling specific reason is unsatisfactory and detrimental to the implementation of RTI Act.

Whereas, in a similar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission's case no. APIC – 642/2025, Shri Yoha Mihu (appellant) Vs Executive Engineer (E), Anini Division (PIO), it was adjudicated, inter alia, as under-

*"The PIO was also directed to pay compensation of an amount not exceeding Rs 25,000.00 (Rupees twenty-five thousand) only to the appellant on account of mental harassment and financial loss he had suffered as provided under section 10 (8) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005 as reproduced here under:*

*"19 (8) In its decision, the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, has the power to;*

*(b) require the public authority to compensate the complainant for any loss or other detriment suffered;"*

*In compliance with this Commission's order 15.10.2025, the PIO had paid the compensation amount of Rs 25000/- on 31.10.2025 to the appellant, the receipt of which has been duly acknowledged by the appellant vide money receipt dated 31.10.2025. the PIO also furnished the following requested documents / information to the appellant vide his letter dated 24.10.2025".*

Now, the PIO is directed to pay compensation of an amount not exceeding Rs10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only to the appellant within one week from the date of receipt this order on account of mental harassment and financial loss he had suffered as provided under section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005 as reproduced hereunder:

*"19 (8) In its decision, the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, has the power to;*

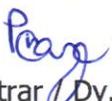
*(b) require the public authority to compensate the complainant for any loss or other detriment suffered;"*

The appellant shall serve a copy of this order to the PIO and file a written status report of the information documents and compensation payment received within **10** (ten) days from the date of issue of this order. This appeal case shall stand closed on receipt of satisfactory report from the appellant.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission / Court on this 6th day of March 2026.

**Sd/-Dani Gamboo  
Information Commissioner**

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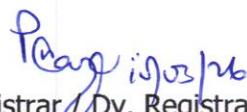
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Dated Itanagar the *10<sup>th</sup>* March'2026.

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