



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)
ITANAGAR

File No. APIC-410/2026(Appeal)

Shri Seng Sikheth

Appellant

Bordumsa Changlang District A.P

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Pin Code: 792056

versus

PIO-O/o the Divisional Manager

Respondent

A.P Forest Corporation Ltd Deomali

Tirap District A.P.

Pin code: 792129

ORDER

Date of Hearing: 28.08.2026

Date of Decision: 28.08.2026

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER : Dani Gamboo

Relevant facts emerging from appeal.

RTI application filed on	:	19.01.2026
SPIO replied on	:	19.01.2026 & 30.03.2026
First appeal filed on	:	15.05.2026
First Appellate Authority's Order	:	Not on record
Second Appeal filed on	:	04.06.2026

Information sought:

The appellant has filed an RTI application dated 19.01.2026 seeking following information regarding leasing, tendering, revenue generation and utilization in respect of the rubber plantation at Bordumsa, Changlang.

Particulars of sought information are given below: -

1. Certified copies of all lease agreements (annual or term-wise) executed for leasing out the Rubber Plantation, Bordumsa to any private party or entity from the year 2009 till date.
2. Certified copies of documents relating to the tendering/bidding process adopted for leasing out the said plantation from 2009 till date, including:
 - (a) Mode of bidding (manual/online),
 - (b) Tender notice/publication details,
 - (c) Publicity documents such as newspaper advertisements, website publications, etc.,
 - (d) Tender schedule and validity period.

3. Year-wise list of all bidders who participated in each tender since 2009 and the name of the successful bidder (L1) for each year/term.
4. Year-wise statement showing:
 - (a) Bid amount quoted by the successful bidder (L1) for each year/term,
 - (b) Amount actually realised/received by APFCL against each such lease,
 - (c) Total amount received by APFCL from leasing of the said plantation from 2009 till date.
5. Certified copies/details of any scheme(s) implemented and beneficiaries, if any, in respect of the Rubber Plantation, Bordumsa from 2009 till date, along with the amount disbursed under each scheme.
6. Year-wise statement of revenue generated from the Rubber Plantation, Bordumsa from all sources including but not limited to leasing, sale of produce, interest, penalties, dues, government grants/subsidies and any other receipts from 2009 till date.
7. Certified copies of annual financial statements, audit reports or internal notes showing whether the Rubber Plantation, Bordumsa was reflected as profit or loss in the books of APFCL for each financial year from 2009 till date.
8. Year-wise details of funds received by APFCL from Central Government, State Government or any other agency specifically for maintenance, replantation, development, expansion or any other purpose relating to the Rubber Plantation, Bordumsa from 2009 till date.
9. Whether any encroachment over the Rubber Plantation, Bordumsa has been recorded in the official records of APFCL since 2009; if so, please provide certified copies of such records and indicate the approximate area or percentage of plantation land shown as encroached in those records.
10. Whether any part of the Rubber Plantation land at Bordumsa (whether used or unused) has been legally permanently transferred, allotted, diverted, alienated or handed over by APFCL to any Government department, PSU, local body, private entity or individual since 1979; if so, please provide certified copies of all such transfer/allotment/diversion orders, approvals, agreements, notifications and related records.

The following were present.

Appellant : Present through VC. He states that he has not received any information from the PIO.

Respondent PIO : Present. He agreed to furnish the remaining information to the appellant.

Decision:

The commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, perusal of the records and hearing the parties, observes that the FAA – The Managing Director, Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Limited, Chimpur, Itanagar has directed the PIO vide his letters dated 19.01.2026, 30.03.2026 and 18.8.2026 to furnish the information to the appellant. The FAA has not heard and dispose of the appeal case filed to him from his end.

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 Managing Director, Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Limited, Chimpu, Itanagar**, 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.

The appellant is at liberty to approach this commission:

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 28th day of August' 2026. Each copy of the Judgement / Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission / Court on this 28th day of August' 2026.

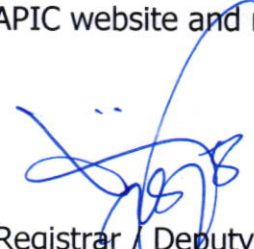
Sd/-(Dani Gamboo)
Information Commissioner

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Dated Itanagar the 27 / August' 2026.

Copy to:

1. FAA - The Managing Director, Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Limited, Chimpu, Itanagar for compliance and necessary action.
2. Computer Programmer Itanagar APIC to upload in APIC website and mailed to concerned department email.
3. Office copy.


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