



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

Complaint Case U/S 18(1) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-15/C/2026.

APPELLANT : Ms. Sonia Raba, Lobi Panch Ali Itanagar
RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the EE, Department of UD & Housing
Capital Complex Division, D.K Convention Hall, Itanagar.

ORDER

This is a complaint under Section 18(1) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Ms. Sonia Raba for non furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO o/o the EE Department of UD & Housing Capital Complex Division, Itanagar as sought for by her under section 18(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide her application dated 07.05.2026.

A) Particular of information: c/o RCC Protection Wall at Dariya Hill colony Itanagar.

B) Details of information required:

1. Furnish NIT copies.
2. Furnish Photograph & GIO Tag copies.
3. Furnish First and final bill copy/Running bill Copies
4. Furnish Trading licence and proprietor details name list copies
5. Furnish DBT and PFMS Xerox copy details name list Copies
6. Furnish Site inspection Report copies.
7. furnish Utilization certificate copies.
8. Furnish Contractor and department agreement copies.
9. Furnish DPR Copies.
10. Furnish Work Order Copies.
11. Furnish GST and Return fill Copies.
12. Furnish money Received Copy and Cheque Receipt Copies.
13. Furnish EE/AE/JE Details name list Copies.
14. Furnish work progress Report Copies.
15. Furnish cheque Receipt Xerox Copies.
16. Furnish Contractor firm registration name details Copies.
17. Furnish Sanctioned order Copies.
18. Furnish contractor work express copies.
19. Request for site visit.
20. Furnish advertisement and local news paper copies.
21. Furnish Technical bid copies.
22. Furnish NIT Participate details copies.
23. Furnish NOC From forest department.
24. Furnish how much payment has been made so far

C) Period from which information asked for: 2024 to till date

Facts emerging from the Complaint and the decision:

Facts emerging from the complaint in question reveal that the complainant, Ms. Sonia Raba, submitted her RTI application in FORM-A dt. Nil, along with IPO No.71F 517433 dt.07.05.2026 for Rs 10 being the RTI application fee. However, the o/o the PIO, vide letter dt.08.05.2026 signed by the APIO-cum-ASW (UD), Capital Complex (as reproduced hereunder) had advised the applicant/complainant to deposit the application fee through e-grass portal as per Govt. of A.P instruction contained in order dt.17.12.2024.

"Sub:-Returning IPO

Sir,

This office has received your application no. Nil Dated 7 April 2026, in Form "A" Vide letter No. Nil IPO No.71F517433 Dated 7 April 2026 Seeking the information regarding the work "C/O RCC Protection Wall at Dariya hill colony. Itanagar Repairs" under RTI Act 2005.

In this regard, it is to inform you that the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has started the collection of all Government fees, Revenues and other receipts electronically through e-Gras portal w.e.f, 1st January 2025 vide order No. SPMU-17/14/2021(E 15204) dated 17 October 2024.

Therefore you are requested to deposit the application fees into the head of account No. 007-60-118-00-00 through e-Gras portal to furnish the information.

This is for you kind to furnish and necessary action please.

Sd/

APIO-Cum-ASW (UD)."

The applicant/complainant, feeling aggrieved, with the response of the o/o the PIO as above, preferred this complaint under section 18(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 on the ground that the PIO has refused to accept the IPO saying that the fee shall be accepted only through e-grass.

This complaint was, accordingly, heard on 21.08.2026 wherein the applicant/complainant, Ms. Sonia Raba was present in person while Er. Shri Taylor Tache, EE appeared through VC who submitted that he has been wrongly summoned by this Commission in this case and further stated that there are 2(two) UD and Housing Divisions at Itanagar viz. the Itanagar Division of which he is the Executive Engineer and another Division, the Capital Complex Division headed by some other Executive Engineer. On a pointed query, the E.E replied that his Division (Itanagar) did not execute the project in question i.e the c/o RCC Protection Wall at Dariya Hill colony Itanagar with respect to which the aforesaid 24(twenty four) point information have been sought by the appellant, Ms. Sonia Raba.

This Commission, after hearing the E.E, Taylor Tache and the appellant found that the summon notice has, indeed, been served to the wrong Public Authority and PIO.

In the premises as above, this Commission summoned the EE, Capital Complex Division and listed this complaint case today on 23.09.26.

Today on 23.09.2026, the Complainants are present in person. The PIO, EE, Capital Complex Division, Er. Shri Gyamar Tachung is also present in person.

Heard the pastries.

The appellants prayed that this complaint be taken up and considered as an appeal under section 19(3) of the instead of complaint u/s 18 of the RTI Act, 2005.

As pleaded, this complaint u/s-18 is converted into an appeal u/s-19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO, reiterating his office's letter dt.08.05.2026 regarding the requirement of payment of RTI application fees through e-grass in terms of Govt. order dt.17.10.2024, has pleaded for direction to the appellants to deposit the RTI application fees and the cost of documents/information (to be intimated after receipt of the fees) to enable his office to furnish the requested information to them. In this regard, the PIO has also submitted a written payer dt.22.09.2026 which is reproduced hereunder:

"Sir,

Apropos to your Summon no. APIC-15/C/2026/846 dated Itanagar, the 24th Aug 2026, it is to bring the notice of the Hon'ble Court that this office had receive an application in Form-A under RTI Act '2005 from the appellant Ms. Sonia Raba on dated 07.05.2026 along with an application Fees of Rs. 10/- vide IPO No. 71F 517433 dated 7th May'2026 for furnishing of information against the following work:-

1. *C/o Protection wall at Dariya Hill, Itanagar.*

However, the original IPO was returned to the appellant with an instruction to deposit the same through "e-gras" portal vide this office letter of even no. dated Itanagar, the 8th May'2026 as the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has directed all the Deptts. vide Order No. SPMU-17/14/2021 (E-15204) dated Itanagar the 17th Oct'2024 for online receipt of all types of Govt. fees. Revenue and payment etc. mandatorily be collected through e-gras portal only but the appellant has failed to deposit the application fees through e-gras and as such an information as sought couldn't be furnished to her till date.

Furthermore, the appellant didn't approach to the first appellate authority under section 19 (1) of RTI Act 2005.

The following documents are enclosed herewith for favour of your ready reference:

1. *Form-A with IPO*
2. *Returned of IPO Letter*
3. *Govt. order no. for receipt online payment.*

This is for favor of your information and necessary action please.

Encls: As above.

Your faithfully,

Sd/-

*PIO-cum-EE, Deptt. Of Urban Affairs,
Capital Complex Division, Itanagar."*

This Commission considered the prayer of the PIO and directs the appellant to deposit the RTI application fees through e-grass portal within 1(one) week from today and the PIO, on receipt whereof, shall intimate the cost of documents/information, as calculated as per the prescribed rates, to the appellant and within 1(one) month of the receipt of the cost of documents from the appellant, the PIO shall furnish the documents to the appellants. The appellant shall, thereafter, intimate the receipt thereof to this Commission within 1(one) week of the receipt of the documents from the PIO for further consideration of the appeal.

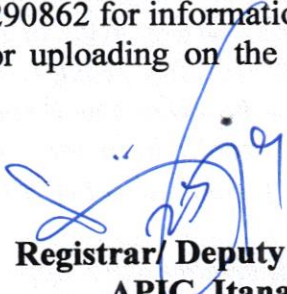
Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 23rd Sept., 2026.

Sd/-
(S. TSERING BAPPU)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 15/C//2026 /1912 Dated Itanagar, the 28th Sept., 2026

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Engineer, Department of UD & Housing, Govt. of A.P, Itanagar for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO concerned.
2. The PIO, o/o the EE Department of UD & Housing, Capital Complex Division Itanagar PIN: 791111 for information and compliance.
3. The PIO, o/o the EE Department of UD & Housing, Itanagar Division, Itanagar for information.
4. Ms. Sonia Raba, W/W President of All Arunachal RTI Activist Association, Lobi Panch Ali Itanagar PIN: 791112 Mobile No. 9863290862 for information.
5. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
6. Office copy.
7. S/copy.


Registrar/ Deputy Registrar
APIC, Itanagar

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Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar