



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An appeal case u/s-19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC- 714/2025

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI SANGYAL TSERING BAPPU,
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

Shri Tanya Ronya and Shri Penter Ronya, Yeggo Hydel Road, Aalo.

Vs.

Shri Marge Bagra, PIO, o/o the E.E (PWD), Yomcha Division,
West Siang District (A.P).

ORDER

(Section 19(8)(b)(c) r/w section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005)

To,

Er. Shri Marge Bagra, PIO, o/o the E.E (PWD),
Yomcha Division, West Siang District (A.P).

1. WHEREAS Shri Tanya Ronya and Shri Penter Ronya, Yeggo Hydel Road, Aalo filed an RTI application dt.22.02.2025 under section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the PIO, o/o the E.E (PWD), Yomcha Division seeking the following information:

B. Particular of information:

- i) Furnish the details of expenditure and copy of Voucher of the following work.
- ii) Also furnish the information as per the format attached Annexure-A

C. Details of information required:

1. Upgradation of Yomcha ADC HQ to Liromoba EAC HQ road (CMCSRDP-II).
2. c/o Mini Secretariat ADC Yomcha.
3. c/o Mini Secretariat at Kamba.
4. c/o road from Boghne PMGSY road to Kambu village under Kamba Circle, West Siang District.
5. Multipurpose Community Centre at Kamba.

2. **AND WHEREAS** the applicants failed to obtain the requested information from the PIO which prompted them to file 1st appeal before the Chief Engineer (PWD), Central Zone-B, Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P) as the First Appellate Authority (F.A.A) under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act vide their Appeal Memo dated 26.05.2025.

3 **AND WHEREAS** the FAA conducted hearing on 22.07.2025 and passed the following order :

"ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Shri Tanya Ronya & Penter Ronya, for non-furnishing of requested documents by the PIO-Cum-EE (PWD), Yomcha Division as sought by the Appellant under Section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 regarding :-

- D. Upgradation of Yomcha ADC HQ to Liromoba EAC HQ road (CMCSRDP-II).*
- E. C/o Mini Secretariat ADC Yomcha.*
- F. C/o Mini Secretariat at Kamba.*
- G. C/o Road from Boghne PMSGY read to Kambu village under Kamba Circle, West Siang District.*
- H. Multipurpose Community Centre at Kamba.*

On receipt of the above appeal, the case was admitted to this court and the First Hearing of the case was conducted on 22/07/2025. During the hearings, both the Respondent PIO and the Appellant were present.

The court heard the statement of both the respondent PIO and the Appellants and directed the PIO to furnish the documents to the Appellants within 12 days from the date of issue of this order with intimation to this office.

With this, the Case stand disposed off.

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

(Gobo Yirang)

*First Appellate Authority Cum
Chief Engineer, Central Zone-B, PWD
Pasighat, East Siang District."*

4. AND WHEREAS despite FAA's order, the appellants failed yet again to obtain the information and therefore, they preferred 2nd appeal before this Commission under Section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 Vide Memo of appeal dt. 02.09.2025. Accordingly, this appeal was listed on 24.12.2026 wherein, the PIO was absent without any intimation while one of the appellants, namely, Shri Tanya Ronya appeared in person and submitted that the PIO failed to furnish the requested documents even after the direction of the FAA.

5. AND WHEREAS this Commission, upon hearing the appellant and on perusal of the points as contained in the Annexure-A to the RTI application on which the information/documents have been sought, noticed that the requested information/documents were not covered by any of the exemption clauses of section 8(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, had endorsed the direction of the FAA to furnish the same and hence, directed the PIO to furnish the requested information to the appellants within 1(one) months of the receipt of this order and report the compliance thereof to this Commission on the next date of hearing 06.02.2026.

6. AND WHEREAS it was, however, made clear that if the o/o the PIO does not hold any of the requested information/documents, he shall declare so by way of an affidavit as required under section-18(3)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005 and under rule- 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.

7. AND WHEREAS despite this Commission's order dt.24.12.25 which was delivered to the PIO on 26.12.25 through whatsapp, he failed to comply with the direction as contained in the order dt.24.12.2025 nor did he attend the hearing on 06.02.26 which amounted to blatant disrespect to this Commission and the RTI regime attracting the penalties prescribed under the Act. Therefore, the PIO, Er. Shri Doge Nyigyor, the E.E (PWD), Yomcha Division, West Siang District, Yomcha was directed vide order dt.06.02.2026, to appear in person on **27.02.2026** and show cause as to why penalty prescribed under section 19(8)(c) r/w section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be imposed on him for non-compliance of the direction of this Commission and violation of the provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

8. AND WHEREAS on 27.02.26, the PIO, Er. Shri Doge Nyigyor appeared in person but without explanation showing the reasons for his non-appearance in the hearings. He, however, brought in some of the requested information/documents but without forwarding letter showing the details of information being furnished. As such the documents were returned to him to resubmit with proper forwarding letter showing the replies /information in tabular form and with proper paging and indexing. The show cause notice dt.06.02.2026 was, hence, kept in abeyance. The PIO was, however, directed to resubmit to the appellant the information/replies with proper forwarding letter showing the replies /information in tabular form and with proper paging and indexing and report the compliance therewith to this Commission on **27.03.2026** **making it clear that if fails to comply with the direction again, the said show cause notice shall be revived and the consequential penal action shall be taken against him without further opportunity of hearing.**

9. AND WHEREAS on 27.03.2026, the appellant, Er. Shri Tanya Ronya was present through VC but the PIO was again absent without any intimation despite categorical warning that if he fails to comply with the order of this Commission, the show cause notice dt.06.02.26, since kept in abeyance, shall be revived and the consequential penal action shall be taken against him without further opportunity of hearing. The hearing had to be adjourned yet again to 06.05.2026 with the consent of the appellant.

10. AND WHEREAS on **06.05.2026** both the parties were, however, absent without any intimation making this Commission presume that the PIO has furnished the information/documents as directed by this Commission in its earlier interim orders. This appeal was, thus closed vide order dt.06.05.2026.

11. AND WHEREAS this Commission, however, received a letter dt.08.05.2026 from the appellant, Shri Tanya Ronya stating that despite this Commission's repeated direction, the PIO failed to furnish the requested information and as such requested for summoning and issuing appropriate direction to the PIO to furnish the information.

12. AND WHEEAS considering the complaint from the appellant, this Commission, vide order dt. 26.05.2026, recalled the order dt.06.05.2026 and listed the appeal again on 12.06.2026 with direction to the PIO to comply with this Commission's earlier interim orders.

13. AND WHEREAS on 12.06.2026, the PIO did not appear but the appellant who appeared through VC informed that he has received message from the o/o the PIO that the requested documents/information are ready and that he will collect the same within 1(one) week and report his satisfaction or otherwise thereon to this Commission. The appellant was, accordingly, directed to collect the documents and intimate this Commission of the receipt of the same within 1(one) week from the date of order. As directed, the appellant, vide his letter dt.18.06.26, informed that he has received the requested information from the PIO but complained that 90% of the requested information has not been furnished and as such he pleaded for appropriate action against the PIO under the RTI Act. As such, the PIO was directed to furnish the left out information to the appellant and report the compliance therewith on 24.07.2026 making it clear that penal provision under section 20 of the RTI Act shall be invoked against him if fails to comply with the direction.

14. AND WHEREAS on 24.07.26, the PIO was again absent while the appellant who appeared in person submitted that out of the 5(five) schemes, the current PIO, Er. Shri Marge Bagra ,who joined the Yomcha Division on 02.06.26 on transfer of the then PIO Er. Shri Doge Nyigyor out of the Division, has furnished the information/documents against only one scheme, namely, the c/o Mini Secretariat at Kamba.

15. AND WHEREAS the PIO's non-compliance of the order of this Commission and repeated non-appearance amounted to blatant disrespect to this Commission and RTI regime which called for penal action under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005. Accordingly, the present incumbent PIO Shri, Marge Bagra E.E was directed to furnish the left out information or the affidavit and also explain as to why penalty of Rs 25,000.00 should not be impose upon him and he was directed to report the compliance thereof to this Commission today on 31.07.2026.

16. AND WHEREAS on 31.07.2026, the PIO, Shri, Marge Bagra again did not appear nor furnished the left out information as directed while the appellant, Shri Tanya Ronya was present in person who, expressing deep disappointment over the non compliance of the order of this Commission thereby causing mental harassment and financial loss to him on account of repeated appearance, pleaded for adequate compensation towards to and fro Itanagar-Aalo journeys and lodging expenses at Itanagar. The appellant, however, did not produce any supporting documentary evidence of financial loss he suffered as claimed in view whereof it was not possible for this Commission on 31.07.2026 to pass any direction on his demand for compensation and as such the appellant was directed to produce relevant documentary evidence such as the cash memos/money receipts etc. so as to enable this Commission to examine the same and pass an appropriate direction.

17. AND WHEREAS the appellant today on 07.08.2026 has submitted the detailed statement of expenditure of ₹1,46,543/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Six Thousand and Five Hundred and Forty Three) only towards travel and fooding expense of incurred on account of appearance before the First Appellate and this Commission different date totaling 10(ten) hearings as reproduced hereunder:

"MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. BACKGROUND OF THE CASE:

- That the Complainant filed an application under the RTI Act, 2005 on 22.4.2025 seeking critical information from Respondent No. 1.
- That due to the deliberate inaction, wrongful denial, and malafide delay by the Respondents, the Complainant was forced to knock on the doors of this Hon'ble Commission through this Appeal/Complaint.

2. SUMMONS AND ARDUOUS TRAVEL REQUIREMENT:

- That this Hon'ble Commission issued summons directing the Complainant to physically appear for the hearing scheduled on 24.12.2025, 06.02.2025, 27.02.2025, 27.3.2025, 06/5/2026, 12/6/2026, 24/7/2025 and 31/7/2026 and also by FAA Chief Engineer PWD one B. Pasighat 22/7/2025 and 5/8/2025.
- That the residence of the Complainant is situated at a distance of 400 Kilometres away from the office of this Hon'ble State Information Commission and situated at a distance of 1300 Kilometres away from the office of the FAA

3. CRITICAL HEALTH CONDITIONS & JUSTIFICATION FOR VEHICLE HIRE

- That the Complainant is a Senior Citizen aged 63 years and is a Single-Kidney patient undergoing strict medical supervision.
- That due to this vulnerable medical status, low immunity, and advanced age, travelling via public transport poses a direct, severe threat to the Complainant's surviving kidney and overall life.
- That to safely comply with the summons, the Complainant had no practical alternative but to hire a specialized, comfortable private vehicle equipped to handle medical transit for an 800 km round-trip, alongside strictly hygienic dietary meals to prevent any life-threatening infection or renal complications.
- A copy of the medical prescription proving the Complainant's medical condition is attached herewith as Annexure-A.

4. DETAILS OF DETRIMENT AND FINANCIAL LOSS SUFFERED:

- That the financial loss, mental agony, and physical harassment caused to the Complainant are a direct consequence of the Public Information Officer's failure to provide information within the statutory timeframe.
- That the Complainant has incurred the following direct out-of-pocket expenses to attend the hearing:

Sl. No.	Description of Expense	Bill/Receipt No. & Date	Amount
1.	Commercial Vehicle Hire Charges (800 km)+1 day halt+ Driver Expense + POL + GST	[Annex-A]	₹1,20,000/-
2.	Hygienic Food & Special Dietary Requirements during Transit During Transit	[Annex-B.]	₹26,543/-
TOTAL COMPENSATION CLAIMED			₹1,46,543/-

- All original bills, vehicle hire invoices, and cash memos are attached collectively herewith as annexed.

5. LEGAL GROUNDS FOR COMPENSATION:

- That under Section 19(8) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005, this Hon'ble Commission holds explicit statutory powers to direct the Public Authority to compensate the complainant for any loss or other detriment suffered.
- That the Hon'ble Supreme Court and various High Courts have repeatedly held that "detriment" includes physical harassment, mental agony, and financial expenditure forced upon an information seeker due to the default of administrative machinery.

PRAYER

In light of the facts mentioned above, the Complainant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble State Information Commission may be pleased to:

- A. ORDER the Public Authority [Executive Engineer PWD Yomcha Division] to reimburse the total travel and fooding expense of ₹1,46,543/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Six Thousand and Five Hundred and Forty Three) only to the Complainant as compensation under Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005 for the financial detriment suffered.
- B. DIRECT the Head of the Public Authority to release this compensation amount within a fixed time frame of 30 days via direct bank transfer (NEFT/RTGS) to the Complainant's bank account SBI 11585631879 IFSC SBIN0001677 Aalo.
- C. PASS any such other order(s) as this Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice and equity.

Date: 31.7.2026

Place Itanagar

Sd/-

Tanya Ronya

I, Tanya Ronya, the Complainant above-named, do hereby verify and declare that the contents of paragraphs 1 to 5 are true to the best of my personal knowledge, belief, and records. No part of it is false, and no material facts have been concealed therefrom.

Verified at itanagar on this 31st day of July 2026.

Sd/-

Sign/Thumb Impression of
the Complainant:

Annexure-A

date	Amount	Remark
07.08.2025	24,000.00	Aalo to pasighat to and fro + 1 day Halt for hearing at pasighat
26.12.2025	32,000.00	Aalo to pasighat to and fro + 1 day Halt for hearing at Itanagar
08.02.2026	32,000.00	Aalo to pasighat to and fro + 1 day Halt for hearing at Itanagar
08.05.2026	32,000.00	Aalo to Itanagar to and fro +1 day halt at Itanagar
Total	1,20,000.00	

Annexure-B

Date	Amount	Remarks
23.12.2025	2,175.80	Lunch
23.12.2025	2,327.60	Dinner
24.12.2025	3,719.10	BF/Lunch/Dinner at Itanagar
25.12.2025	1,581.80	BF/Lunch/ at Itanagar
05.02.2026	3,198.80	Lunch and Dinner at Itanagar
06.02.2026	4,281.20	BF/Lunch/Dinner at Itanagar
07.02.2026	1,317.80	BF/Lunch at Itanagar
05.05.2026	2,923.80	Lunch / Dinner at Itanagar
06.05.2026	3,435.30	BF/Lunch/Dinner at Itanagar
07.05.2026	1,581.80	BF and Lunch at Itanagar
Total-	26,543.00	

18. AND WHEREAS under section-19(8) (b) of the RTI Act, this Commission is empowered to order payment of compensation by the public authority to the appellant for any loss or other detriment suffered by the appellant which reads as under:

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

(a)

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

19. AND WHEREAS this Commission upon careful consideration of the statement of expenditure and the cash memos/money receipts attached therewith, concludes that the appellant, besides mental harassment and wastage of time, has, in fact, had to incur considerable expenditure on account of the appearance in the hearing before this Commission and the FAA at Pasighat. The claim for the compensation by the appellant is, therefore, found genuine. The amount of compensation of ₹1,46,543/-, however, appears on a higher side. And as such this Commission is of the opinion that a compensation of Rs.70,000.00 (Rupees seventy thousand) only would be reasonable amount.

20. NOW THEREFORE, this Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005, hereby directs the PIO, o/o the Public Authority, E.E, (PWD) Yomcha Division, Yomcha to pay compensation of Rs.70,000.00 (Rupees seventy thousand) only to Shri Tanya Ronya, the appellant against the financial loss he had to suffer on account of repeated appearance in the hearing before the FAA at Pasighat and this Commission at Itanagar.

The PIO shall furnish the receipt of the compensation amount by the appellant within 2(two) weeks from the date of receipt of this order. The PIO is also directed to furnish the requested documents/information and/or the affidavit as directed earlier to the appellant failing which he shall be liable to further action under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 7th August, 2026.

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)

State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC-714/2025. 1877 Dated Itanagar, the 17 August, 2026

Copy to:

- 1) The Chief Engineer (PWD) Central Zone-B, Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P), the First Appellate Authority (FAA) PIN: 791102 for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO concerned.
- 2) The PIO, o/o the E.E (PWD), Yomcha Division, West Siang District (A.P) PIN: 791001 for information and compliance.
- 3) Shri Tanya Ronya and Shri Penter Ronya, Yeggo, Hydel Aalo West Siang District (A.P) PIN: 791001 Contact No. 7085734408 for information.
- 4) The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the website of APIC, please.
- 5) Office Copy.
- 6) S/Copy.

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