



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION

ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

Case No. APIC-442/2026.

APPELLANT : Shri Bengia Papo, Akum Hapa colony, Chimpu-III, Itanagar.
RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Kurung Kumey,
Koloriang,

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Bengia Papo for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 06.02.2026.

A) Name of the Work: to furnish all the relevant information against the new arms license holder and their arms license from the year 2012-2025.

B) Details of Information:

1. Furnish the copies of the entire arms license holders along with their names, address, contact number and three Nos of pass photo size in coloring.
 2. Furnish the total no. of license issued since the year 2012-2025 for the office of the ADC, DC Koloriang.
 3. Furnish the total allocation of arms license to ADC, DC Koloriang, Govt. of A.P.
 4. Furnish the fees structure for applying new arms license as per Govt. of A.P and Govt. of India rules and any other relevant law under arms Act.
 5. Furnish the total no. of new arms license to be issued as per guideline in a year.
- C) Period from which information asked for:** 2024-25.

Brief facts emerging from the appeal and deision:

Records in the appeal reveal that the appellant had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information but failed to obtain the same within the statutory period of one month which prompted him to file 1st appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the Deputy Commissioner, Kurung Kumey District, under section 19(1) of the RTI Act vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 21.03.2026.

This Commission, however, notices that there is no record of the FAA's, the Deputy Commissioner, Kurung Kumey District conducting the hearing.

The First Appellate Authority, under the RTI regime, is a quasi-judicial authority under section 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and as such he is required to hold hearing giving adequate opportunity to both the appellant and the respondent PIO and after applying his mind to the case and going into the aspect as to whether the information/documents requested by the appellants are disclosable or are exempted under the relevant provisions of section 8 or 9 of the RTI Act and pass a reasoned and speaking order.

The appellant, apparently, having failed to obtain the information, preferred 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide Appeal Memo dt. 22.06.2026.

This appeal is, accordingly, listed today on 04.09.2026, wherein both the appellant, Shri Bengia Papo and the PIO, Ms Ronnie are present through VC.

Heard the parties.

The appellant reiterating his demand for the requested information/documents from the PIO complained that neither the FAA, the Deputy Commissioner conducted the hearing nor did the PIO furnish the requested information which prompted him to file his 2nd appeal before this Commission, The PIO, on the other hand, submitted that the appellant was provided with the sought for information vide her letter dt.13.05.26 which has been disputed by the appellant.

During the course of hearing the PIO forwarded the copy of her aforesaid letter along with the information as furnished to her by the C.O (Judicial) letter dt.30.04.206 through whatsapp which are reproduced below:

a) PIOs letter to the appellant:

"Sir,

Please refer to your application Dated,23/03/2026 Address to the Chimpu, Itanagar undersigned regarding supply of information sought under RTI Act 2005.

All the information sought is enclosed herewith.

This is for your kind information.

Enclosed: As stated above.

Sd/-

*PIO, for Dy. Commissioner
Kurung Kumey District.
Dt. Koloriang 13th May, 2026."*

b) C.O (Jud)'s letter to the PIO:

"Madam,

I am directed to furnish the reply to the RTI application bearing ID No. 36/2026 dated 06/02/2026, as under:

Query 1: Furnish copies of the entire arms license holders along with their names, addresses, contact numbers, and three passport-size colour photographs.

Reply: The requested information cannot be provided under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, as it relates to personal information, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or public interest, and would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of individuals.

Query 2: Furnish total number of licenses issued from 2012-25 by ADC/DC in Kurung Kumey.

Reply: 18 Nos license issued from DM Kurung Kumey. The records of ADC (Indp) may be sought from the concern licensing authorities

Query 3: Furnish total amount of arms allocation to ADC/DC Koloriang.

Reply: No such allocation exists under the prevailing rules.

Query 4: Furnish fee structure for applying for a new arms license.

Reply: The license fee is available at NDAL porta at the official site (<https://ndalalis.gov.in> arms licence/fee Structure). Enclosed.

Query 5: Furnish total number of new arms licenses to be issued as per guideline in a year.

Reply: There is no fixed number of arms licenses to be issued in any year under the existing guidelines.

This is for your kind information and further necessary action please.

Your sincerely

Sd/-

Circle Officer (JUD)

For Deputy Commissioner

Krung Kumey."

The PIO reiterated the grounds for denying the information against the query No.1 as being exempted under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. This Commission endorses the reason cited by the PIO to the extent that the particulars of License Holders such as the contact numbers and Photographs are personal information and are exempted under clause(j) of section 8(1) but the names of Arms License Holders are not covered by the exemption clause and therefore, can be disclosed. Similarly the total number of Arms License issued by the o/o the Deputy Commissioner (query No.2) can not be denied. The PIO's replies to rest of the queries (3,4 and 5) are found to be adequate and as such no direction is required.

In the light of above discussion, the PIO is directed to furnish the information in respect of queries 1 and 2 to the appellant within 1(one) week from the date of receipt of this order and the appellant shall, thereafter, within 1(one) week, intimate this Commission of the receipt thereof failing which this appeal shall stand closed without further notice.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 04th Sept., 2026

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)

State Information Commissioner,

APIC, Itanagar

Memo No. APIC- 442/2026/885 Dated Itanagar, the 8 Sept., 2026

Copy to:-

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.
2. The PIO, o/o the Deputy Commissioner Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District (A.P)PIN: 791118 for information and compliance.
3. Shri Bengia Papo, Akum Hapa Colony Chimpu-III PIN: 791113 Mobile No. 8258820863/ 9402798349 for information and compliance.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
5. Office copy.
6. S/Copy.

Registrar/ Deputy Registrar

APIC, Itanagar

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Itanagar