

File No. APIC-No.293/2026 (Appeal)

Dated Itanagar the 07th April 2026

Shri Chungma Sangbia  
Upper Niti Vihar, PS.-Niti vihar, PO-Itanagar  
District Papum Pare, AP  
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Appellant

V/s

The FAA-cum-Director, SJE&TA  
Govt of AP. Itanagar  
Pin-791111

FAA-Respondent- 1

The PIO-O/o the Director of Social Justice  
Empowerment and Tribal Affairs,  
District-Papum Pare AP  
Pin-791111

PIO-Respondent- 2

ORDER

Date of Order-07.04.2026  
Information Commissioner

: Dani Gamboo

Dated-17.12.2025  
Dated-05.02.2026  
Dated-19.03.2026  
Dated-31.03.2026

: RTI application filed to PIO  
: First appeal filed to FAA  
: Appeal filed to commission  
: Appeal received in IC's Cell

The Commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, and perusal of the records, observes that the FAA has not disposed of the first appeal filed to him. It is incumbent upon the FAA to follow statutory procedure laid down in the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.

*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 FAA for adjudication of first appeal filed to him. **The Director, SJE&TA Itanagar-cum-First Appellate Authority (FAA)**, 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 **08.05.2026**. **Failure to comply this order, the FAA shall liable to attend this commission court on summon.** Enclosed a copy of first appeal FAA & RTI application in form A to PIO.

The appellant is at liberty to file 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal afresh:

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.

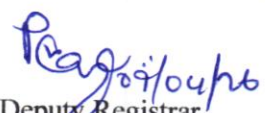
Fee for such 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal, if done, shall be exempted.

Sd/- (Dani Gamboo)  
Information Commissioner

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Dated Itanagar the 10 April 2026

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