

Annual Report 2024-25

(1) Introduction

The Right to Information Act, 2005 is a pivotal piece of legislation that has reshaped the dynamic between citizens and the state. This law empowers every individual to hold governmental entities accountable on a daily basis. It envisions the ordinary citizen as an active contributor to nation-building by granting them the right to engage in the governance process through the exercise of the Right to Information Act.

It has been 20 years since the RTI Act has been in operation in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. A key strength of the Act pertains to administrative and adjudicative autonomy of the Information Commission.

The Right to Information Act 2005 came into force in Arunachal Pradesh along with the rest of the country on 12th October, 2005 after 120 days of its enactment. As per the provisions of this Act, State Public Information Officers (SPIO) and Assistant Public Information Officers (APIO) were appointed by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh under separate notifications.

The Right to Information Act, 2005 has not only empowered the citizens of Arunachal Pradesh but also redefined their role in governance. The establishment and effective functioning of the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) stand as a testament to the state's commitment to transparency and accountability. The recognition of APIC as the best Information Commission in India in 2009 underscores the significant impact of the Act in promoting good governance. As we reflect on more than 20 years of the RTI Act's implementation in Arunachal Pradesh, it is clear that the legislation has fostered a more engaged and informed citizenry, laying a robust foundation for participatory democracy and nation-building. As we present the APIC Annual Report for 2024-25, we reflect on over 20 years of implementing the RTI Act in Arunachal Pradesh, reinforcing our commitment to transparency, accountability and the active participation of citizens in governance.

(2) List of former and present State Chief Information Commissioners and State Information Commissioners in the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Name	Position	Appointment Date	Date of Oath taking	Date of Demittance of Office	Reason for Demission
1	2	3	4	5	6
Shri Nyodek Yonggam	State Chief Information Commissioner	20-10-2006	20-10-2006	28-02-2011	Completion of 5-year tenure
Shri Y.D. Thongchi, IAS (Rtd.)	State Chief Information Commissioner	01-03-2011	01-03-2011	06-10-2015	Attaining age of 65 (Section 16(2) RTI Act 2005)
Shri Matheim Linggi	State Information Commissioner	02-01-2014	08-01-2014	07-01-2019	Completion of 5-year tenure
Smti Nanom Jamoh	State Information Commissioner	02-01-2014	08-01-2014	07-01-2019	Completion of 5-year tenure

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Shri Eken Riba	State Information Commissioner	02-01-2014	08-01-2014	27-07-2016	Attaining age of 65 (Section 16(2) RTI Act 2005)
Shri Abraham K. Techhi	State Information Commissioner	02-01-2014	08-01-2014	07-01-2019	Completion of 5-year tenure
Dr. Joram Begi	State Chief Information Commissioner	28-06-2016	10-07-2016	28-06-2021	Completion of 5-year tenure
Shri Goto Ete	State Information Commissioner	07-05-2018	16-06-2018	16-06-2023	Completion of 3-year Tenure
Shri Leki Phuntso	State Information Commissioner	04-06-2019	26-07-2019	08-04-2020	Attaining age of 65 (Section 16(2) RTI Act 2005)
Shri Rinchen Dorjee	State Chief Information Commissioner	12-08-2021	13-08-2021	12-08-2024	Completion of 3-year tenure
Shri Genom Tekseng	State Information Commissioner	03-02-2021	04-02-2021	04-02-2024	Completion of 3-year tenure
Km. Sonam Yudron	State Information Commissioner	03-02-2021	04-02-2021	04-02-2024	Completion of 3-year tenure
Shri Gumjum Haider	State Information Commissioner	03-02-2021	04-02-2021	04-02-2024	Completion of 3-year tenure
Shri Khopey Thaley	State Information Commissioner	27-02-2024	04-03-2024	Present	-
Shri Vijay Taram	State Information Commissioner	27-02-2024	04-03-2024	Present	-
Shri Dani Gamboo	State Information Commissioner	27-02-2024	04-03-2024	Present	-
Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu	State Information Commissioner	27-02-2024	04-03-2024	Present	-
Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Rtd.)	State Chief Information Commissioner	31-08-2024	02-09-2024	Present	-

(3) Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission 2024-25

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Contact Number
1	Major General Jarken Gamlin AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd), State Chief Information Commissioner	8732828044 (Mobile) 0360-2213952 (O)
5	Shri Khopey Thaley State Information Commissioner	8413067182 (Mobile)
6	Shri Dani Gamboo State Information Commissioner	8415930845 (Mobile)
7	Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu State Information Commissioner	9436050240 (Mobile)
8	Shri Vijay Taram State Information Commissioner	8974009696 (Mobile)

REGISTRY

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Contact Number
1.	Shri Taro Mize APCS, Secretary-cum-Registrar (From 15-12-2022 till)	9436256522 (Mobile)
2.	Smti M.Padung APCS, Deputy Registrar (From 09-03-2017 till date)	9436046333 (Mobile)
3.	Shri Jacob Lego Finance & Accounts Officer (From 11-12-2020 till date)	9436041001 (Mobile)
4.	Shri Rintu Saikia Legal Counsel of the APIC	9436041570 (Mobile)

(4) Annual Account of the Commission

Major Head 2070 OAS, Demand No. 67 (2024-25)

(Rs. in Thousand)

Item	Head of Account	Total Allotment	Expenditure
DDO Code	2-3-0-0-0-0-2		
Major Head	2070 OAS		
Sub Major Head	0		
Minor Head	105 Special Commission of Inquiry		
Sub Head	01 - Establishment Expenses		
Detail Head	0		
Object Head	01 - Salary	22700	21047
	02 - Wages	6804	5823
	06 - Medical Treatment	33	33
	07 - Allowances	16354	14121
	08 - Leave Travel Concession	300	38
	09 - Training Expenses	2749	2247
	11 - Domestic Travel Expenses	3000	2627
	13 - Office Expenses	9500	9359
	16 - Printing & Publications	800	798
	19 - Digital Equipment	1500	1415
	24 - Fuels & Lubricants	2600	1999
	26 - Advertising & Publicity	300	299
	27 - Minor Civil & Electric Works	2500	2500
	28 - Professional Services	1000	482
	29 - Repair & Maintenance	5000	3767
	49 - Other Revenue Expenditure	6518	6787
	71 - Information, Computer, Telecommunications (ICT) equipments	1000	816
	74 - Furnitures & Fixtures	5000	5047
	Total	87658	79205

(5) New Appointments

Shri Rinchen Dorjee, Hon'ble State Chief Information Commissioner (HSCIC), demitted his office upon the successful completion of his three-year tenure (13-08-2021 to 12-08-2024). During his time in office, HSCIC Dorjee made significant contributions towards strengthening transparency and accountability through the effective implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Following his demission, Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Rtd.) was appointed as the new Hon'ble State Chief Information Commissioner of the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission. His appointment is expected to further enhance the functioning of the Commission with renewed commitment and discipline.

File No. AR-11011/4/2024-O/o US-3-AR-AR (Comp. No. 92276)
GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & TRAINING
A.P. CIVIL SECRETARIAT BLOCK NO.4, 5th FLOOR:
ITANAGAR - 791111

Dated Itanagar, the 31st August, 2024

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (No. 22 of 2005) and on the recommendation of the Selection Committee dated 7th August, 2024, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is hereby pleased to appoint Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd) as State Chief Information Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission in the fixed pay of ₹2,25,000/- (Rupees two lakh and twenty five thousand) per mensem plus other allowances as admissible from time to time.

In terms of Section 16(2) of the said Act, as amended by the RTI (Amendment) Act, 2019 read with Rule-12 of the Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is further pleased to order that the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for 3 (three) years from the date of his entering upon the office or till he attains the age of 65 (sixty five) whichever is earlier.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is further pleased to order that salaries, allowances and other terms of service of the State Chief Information Commissioner shall be regulated under rules 14 to 20 of the said Rules.

(By order and in the name of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh)

-Sd/-
(Yashpal Garg)
Commissioner to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh



Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.) being sworn in as the State Chief Information Commissioner of Arunachal Pradesh by Hon'ble Governor Lt. General KT Partnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) during the Swearing-in Ceremony held at the Darbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 2nd September 2024. The event was graced by Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, Speaker Shri Tesam Pongte, Cabinet Ministers, Member of Parliament Shri Tapir Gao, MLAs, members of the Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission and senior State Government officials.

(6) Activities undertaken by the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission in the year 2024-25

(i) Awareness Program on RTI Act, Hybrid Mode of Hearing and e-Filing – Tezu

On 5th August 2024, the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), Itanagar, in collaboration with the Lohit District Administration, conducted an awareness program on the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, and the Hybrid Mode of Hearing and e-Filing of appeals and complaints. The event was held at the Conference Hall, District Secretariat, Tezu.

The program targeted First Appellate Authorities (FAAs), Public Information Officers (PIOs), RTI activists, stakeholders and interested citizens from the districts of Tirap, Changlang, Longding, Namsai, Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley and Lohit.

In her welcome address, Smti Maman Padung, Deputy Registrar, APIC, outlined the objectives of the awareness initiative and elaborated on the rationale behind introducing the hybrid hearing and e-filing systems to enhance transparency and accessibility.

A technical training session was conducted by Ms. Bharati Yun, Computer Programmer, APIC and Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant. The session featured a live demonstration of the hybrid hearing and e-filing platform, providing participants with hands-on knowledge of the new system and encouraging its effective adoption across the districts.



(ii) Awareness Program on RTI Act, Hybrid Mode of Hearing and e-Filing – Anjaw

On 6th August 2024, the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC), Itanagar, in collaboration with the Anjaw District Administration, conducted an awareness program on the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the recently launched Hybrid Mode of Hearing and e-Filing of appeals and complaints. The event was held at the Conference Hall, Hawaii.

During the visit, APIC HSCIC Shri Rinchen Dorjee, HSIC Shri Khopey Thaley, Registrar Smti Maman Padung took the opportunity to explore several significant sites. They visited the historic Walong War Memorial and the first village of India, Kaho. On their return journey, they also stopped at the renowned Golden Pagoda in Tengapani, Namsai.

(iii) Awareness Program on RTI Act in East Siang - Pasighat

On 25th November, 2024, a comprehensive sensitization program on the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, was conducted at Pasighat. The session was led by Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) Major General Jarken Gamlin, along with State Information Commissioners Shri Vijay Taram, Shri Khopey Thaley, Shri Dani Gamboo, and Registrar Shri Tamune Miso. The program witnessed a significant turnout, with active participation from Heads of Departments (HoDs), Public Information Officers (PIOs), Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs), Panchayat leaders and RTI activists. Discussions centered on enhancing transparency and accountability in public administration, emphasizing the pivotal roles of PIOs and APIOs in facilitating informed citizenry.

(iv) Awareness Program on RTI Act in West Siang - Aalo

Following the awareness program held in Pasighat, a corresponding event was also organized in Aalo. The detailed press release regarding the Aalo program is provided below : -

Sensitization prog. on RTI Act

November 27, 2024



AALO, 26 Nov: A one day sensitization programme on RTI Act was conducted by the State Right to Information commissioner headed by state chief information commissioner (SCIC) (Retd.) Major General Jarken Gamlin and West Siang deputy commissioner Mamu Hage here in West Siang district on Tuesday.

During the programme, SCIC Gamlin appealed to the RTI applicants to seek information for genuine awareness. He further suggested providing the information seekers reply with affidavits in case the same is not available in record. He informed the officers to maintain proper record of RTI and issue a copy to the information commissioner.

DC Mamu Hage in her address urged the HoDs to keep the communication channel open to know the status of the information the applicants are seeking. She also requested the chief information commissioner to circulate the practical issues pertaining to RTI.

SIC Khope Thalley highlighted the provisions of RTI Act and important court decisions and said that "the role of PIO/FAA is most important." He further urged the HoDs to timely furnish the information within 30 days.

Dani Gamboo, HS SIC informed the PIOs to quote the relevant section and subsection while furnishing the information for better understanding while, ZPC Tumpe Ete appealed to the information seekers not to misuse the RTI Act. "Some of the information seekers use the Act as tools to personally harass the officers. Such type of mindset needs to be changed," added.

Later, RTI activists, panchayat leaders, officers shared their grievances before the house and discussed that irrelevant information should not be sought by the applicant as it adds extra load to the entire office work.

Odi Menjo, PA to SCIC, West Siang EAC/PIO Koj Tacho, HoDs, ZPMs and Panchayat leaders attended the programme. (DIPRO)

(v) Participation of APIC in the 16th Annual Convention at Bharat Mandapam on 10th December, 2024 New Delhi

The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Major General Jarken Gamlin, proudly represented the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) at the 16th Annual Convention held at Bharat Mandapam on 10th December, 2024. The event witnessed the participation of Information Commissioners from across the country, fostering a spirit of collaboration and shared commitment to transparency and accountability.

(vi) RTI Awareness Workshop – Changlang



An RTI Awareness Workshop was successfully conducted in Changlang District on 27th February, 2025, as part of the ongoing efforts of the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) to promote transparency and accountability through the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The workshop was graced by Chief Information Commissioner, Major General (Retd.) Jarken Gamlin, who provided an insightful briefing on the key provisions of the RTI Act, supplemented by landmark judicial pronouncements that have shaped its interpretation and enforcement. He emphasized the shared responsibility of all stakeholders in ensuring timely and effective dissemination of information to the public.

State Information Commissioners Khopey Thaley and Dani Gambo conducted a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation focusing on the roles and responsibilities of Public Information Officers (PIOs), Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs) and First Appellate Authorities (FAAs) under the Act.

The event began with a welcome address by APIC Registrar Maman Padung, followed by a keynote address from Changlang Deputy Commissioner Shri Vishal Sah, who highlighted the RTI Act as a vital tool for strengthening participatory governance.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by EAC Khimiyang, Rosalind Pertin. The program witnessed active participation from PIOs, APIOs and other departmental officials from across the district, contributing to a meaningful dialogue on the importance of proactive disclosure and responsible governance.

(vii) RTI Awareness Workshop – Tirap

As part of its ongoing public outreach and capacity-building initiatives, the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) organized an RTI Awareness Workshop in Tirap district on 28th February, 2025. The event was held at the Deputy Commissioner's office conference hall in Khonsa, and aimed to strengthen transparency, accountability and citizen empowerment under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The workshop was led by Chief Information Commissioner, Maj Gen (Retd.) Jarken Gamlin, who emphasized the crucial role of all stakeholders in ensuring the smooth flow of information. He also urged citizens to exercise their right to information responsibly and advised that non-attendance of appellants at hearings without prior intimation could lead to ex parte disposal of cases.

State Information Commissioner, Khopey Thaley, delivered an in-depth briefing on key sections of the RTI Act, citing landmark court rulings to illustrate its practical application. Information Commissioner Dani Gambo addressed various operational challenges faced by PIOs and FAAs, offering valuable suggestions to improve efficiency. A session on the constitutional relevance of the RTI Act was also conducted by PA to CIC, Shri Odi Menjo.

Shri Tana Bapu, ADC and in-charge Deputy Commissioner of Khonsa, delivered the inaugural address, underlining the significance of the RTI Act in promoting good governance. He encouraged officials from all departments to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the provisions and obligations under the Act.

The workshop witnessed active participation from Public Information Officers (PIOs), Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs), Heads of Departments (HoDs), administrative officers, and other key stakeholders. The event marked an important step in enhancing institutional capacity and public awareness regarding the effective implementation of the RTI Act in Tirap district.

(viii) RTI Awareness Workshop – Roing

On similar lines, DC Office Roing in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission hosted a vibrant RTI awareness campaign on 14th May 2025, drawing an overwhelming response from Public Information Officers (PIOs), Heads of Departments (HoDs), and members of the general public. The event underscored the growing awareness and engagement with the Right to Information Act at the grassroots level.

(7) Periodical Report regarding effective implementation of RTI Act, 2005 in the districts of Arunachal Pradesh for the year 2024-25.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	(i) TAWANG					
1	DA, Tawang	53	54	9	0	3178
2	Office of the EE, Jang, PW Division, Tawang	3	3	0	0	0
	TOTAL	56	57	9	0	3178

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	(ii) WEST KAMENG					
1	Superintending Engineer (Electrical)-cum-PIO, APEC-IV, Dirang	2	2	0	0	882
2	Superintending Engineer (Electrical)-cum-PIO, APEC-VIII, Subu	6	6	0	0	852
3	EE-cum-PIO Rupa Electrical Division	4	4	0	0	616
	TOTAL	12	12	0	0	2350
	(iii) EAST KAMENG					
1	Office of the Superintendent of Police, East Kameng, Seppa	22	16	0	0	220
2	EE-cum-PIO Seppa Electrical Division	6	6	0	0	934
	TOTAL	28	22	0	0	1154
	(iv) PAKKE KESSANG					
1	PWD, Pakke Kessang , Arunachal Pradesh	7	1	1	3	1548
2	RWD, Pakke Kessang	9	9	0	0	0

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3	Superintendent of Police, Lemmi, pakke Kessang	15	15	0	0	0
4	DLRSO	10	10	0	0	100
	TOTAL	41	35	1	3	1648
	(v) PAPUMPARE					
1	Superintendent of Police, Yupia,	22	22	4	0	0
	TOTAL	22	22	4	0	0
	(vi) CAPITAL COMPLEX					
1	Chief Engineer, Highway Zone, PWD, Itanagar	69	67	0	2	1002
2	Rural Development Department, Itanagar	78	40	11	0	0
3	Directorate of Disaster Management, Itanagar	8	7	1	0	4782
4	CE(P) TPMZ, Itanagar	16	3	1	12	30
5	State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Itanagar	3	3	0	0	30
6	Chief Engineer(p) WEZ, DOP, Itanagar	38	33	5	0	1586

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	Chief Engineer, PHE & WSD, WEZ, Senki Park, Itanagar	9	0	3	0	610
8	Superintending Engineer(Electrical, APEC-I, Naharlagun	39	21	5	13	2006
9	EE-cum-PIO Naharlagun Electrical Division	11	8	0	0	792
10	Law, Legislative & Justice, Civil Secretariat Itanagar	8	8	0	0	184
11	Geology & Mining, Govt.of AP, Itanagar	54	54	0	0	2700
12	Department of Art & Culture, Naharlagun	13	13	0	0	668
13	PHE & WS, Nagarlagun	0	0	0	0	0
14	Horticulture, Chimpu	15	15	0	0	2236
15	Directorate of Prisons & Correctional Administration, Itanagar	7	7	0	0	170
16	Directorate of Printing	5	5	0	0	16
17	Chief Engineer, Central Zone-A, PWD	9	9	0	0	540
18	Directorate of Audit & Pension, Naharlagun	17	17	2	0	752
19	DC, Capital, Itanagar	136	128	6	2	1992

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20	WRD, Chimpu	16	15	4	0	914
21	O/o Chief Conservator of Forest & Climate Change	2	2	0	0	36
22	Arunachal Power Development Agency, APDA	2	2	0	0	3704
23	Chief Engineer(power) Central Electrical Zone, Department of Power, Itanagar	38	28	10	0	1276
24	Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Affairs, Naharlagun	37	37	0	0	70
25	National Informatics Centre (NIC)	0	0	0	0	0
26	Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB)	20	20	0	0	508
27	PHE & WS Division, D&P	30	5	25	0	54
28	Disaster Management, Itanagar	8	7	1	0	4782
	TOTAL	688	554	74	29	31440
	(vii) LOWER SUBANSIRI					
1	PHED & WS, Ziro, Lower Subansiri	7	7	0	0	0
2	DFDO, Ziro	1	1	0	0	0

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	SS,STS, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
4	DPDO, Ziro	3	3	0	0	77
5	DTO, FTC, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
6	SHO(Hq), Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
7	AMDO, Ziro	0	0	0	0	0
8	Asst. Controller, LM & CA, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
9	DACO, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
10	DIPRO, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
11	PD, APEDA, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
12	EE(PHED) Lower Subansiri	7	7	0	0	0
13	SDO(DEV) Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
14	SDO(JUD) Lower Subansiri	1	0	0	0	0
15	EE(PWD) Lower Subansiri	8	8	1	0	554
16	DRCS, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
17	DD(ICDS) Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
18	AH & Vety, Ziro	0	0	0	0	0
19	Asst. Town Planner Office, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
20	DDMO, Ziro	0	0	0	0	0

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21	EE(UD & H)Lower Subansiri	3	3	0	0	250
22	EE(WRD)Lower Subansiri	7	5	7	1	5038
23	Supdt.(Tax, Excise & Narcotics, Lower Subansiri	1	1	0	0	10
24	ITI, Office, Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
25	CD Block, Ziro-1	0	0	0	0	0
26	CD Block Hong-Hari,Lower Subansiri	0	0	0	0	0
27	RD, Ziro	4	4	3	1	10
28	Superintendent of Police, Ziro, Lower Subansiri	13	13	0	0	130
	TOTAL	55	52	11	2	6069
	(viii) KAMLE					
1	Office of the Superintendent of Police Kamle, Raga	9	9	0	0	0
2	Superintendent of Police Kamle	9	9	0	0	0
	TOTAL	18	18	0	0	0
1	(ix) UPPER SUBANSIRI					
2	Arunachal Pradesh Police, Daporijo, Upper Subansiri	22	12	0	0	0
	TOTAL	22	12	0	0	0

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	(x) LEPARADA					
1	Office of the Inspector of Legal Metrology & CA Leparada, Basar	0	0	0	0	0
2	DMO, Leparada, Basar	0	0	0	0	0
3	DAO-Leparada, Basar	2	2	0	0	0
4	Industries Department, Leparada Basar	0	0	0	0	0
5	District Animal Husbandry Veterinary & Dairy Development Office, Leparada, Basar	1	1	0	0	10
6	Disaster Management, Basar, Leparada	1	1	0	0	202
7	Horticulture, Basar, Leparada	0	0	0	0	0
8	WRD, Basar	2	1	0	0	88
9	UD & Housing , Basar Division	4	0	0	0	0
10	PWD, Basar	8	8	0	0	2706
11	Highway Division, PWD, Basar	1	1	1	0	10
12	PWD, Basar	8	8	0	0	2706
	TOTAL	27	22	1	0	5722

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(xi) WEST SIANG						
1	Office of the Superintendent of Police West Siang, Aalo	25	24	20	0	0
2	Office of the superintendent of police, Aalo, West Siang,	25	24	20	0	0
3	Horticulture Department , Aalo, West Siang	2	2	0	0	168
4	RD, BDO, CD Block, Aalo, West Aalo	4	4	0	0	400
5	Department of Power, Aalo	19	19	0	0	622
6	Education Department, Aalo	45	41	0	4	1863
7	Aalo Hydropower Division	3	3	0	0	1001
	TOTAL	123	117	40	4	4054
(xii) UPPER SIANG						
1	Office of the Superintendent of Police , Upper Siang, Yingkiong	22	21	0	0	0
2	GA, DC Office, Yingkiong	9	8	0	1	50
3	DLSRO, Yingkiong	6	6	0	0	90
4	DPO Office, Yingkiong	2	2	0	0	60
5	DF & CSO, Yingkiong	3	3	0	0	70

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	AMDO, Yingkiong	2	2	0	0	60
7	ADE & S Yingkiong	1	1	0	0	0
8	DMO, Yingkiong	1	1	0	0	0
9	RWD, Yingkiong	13	2	7	0	240
10	Executive Engineer, Geku, Hydro Power	5	5	0	0	120
	TOTAL	64	51	7	1	690
	(xiii) EAST SIANG					
1	DC (East Siang)	1	0	0	0	50
2	Pasighat Municipal Council Department of Urban Local Bodies	16	15	0	0	0
3	Department of Education, Pasighat, East Siang	28	28	0	0	7698
4	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Pasighat	14	0	0	0	0
5	RTI, Branch, DC Office, Pasighat	45	45	0	0	13910
6	Pasighat Smart City Development Corporation Limited	30	20	5	5	200

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	Pasighat Highway Division, PWD	14	14	0	0	958
8	Department of Horticulture, East Siang	2	2	0	0	0
9	DIET(Education), East Siang	0	0	0	0	0
10	District Agriculture Office, East Siang	0	0	0	0	0
11	Fishery Department, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
12	Department of Power(Pasighat Electrical Division)	7	5	0	0	70
13	Block Development Office, CD Block Ruksin	2	2	2	0	0
14	PHE & WSD, Pasghat	8	4	0	0	40
15	SE, LS & DB, DHPD, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
16	Agronomist, GTC, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
17	ADC, Ruksin	2	1	1	0	110
18	Office of the District Planning Officer Unit, pasighat	2	2	0	0	20
19	JN College, Pasighat	2	2	0	0	2900
20	Transmission Division No-III, Department of Power, Pasighat	4	4	0	0	892

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
21	Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
22	District Research Office, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
23	Dept. of Economics & Statistics, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
24	Bakin Pertin General Hospital & Training centre, Pasighat	4	3	1	5	4474
25	EE, PWD, pasighat Division, APPWD	21	18	2	1	750
26	Treasury Office, pasighat	2	1	0	0	10
27	Office of the EE, Water Resource Division, Pasighat	12	9	6	0	906
28	O/o Project Director, Rural Development, Pasighat	2	2	0	0	20
29	Disaster Management Office, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
30	DMO, Pasighat	1		1	0	0
31	EE, UD & Housing, Pasighat	7	7	1	0	910
32	Office of the District Tourism, Pasighat	3	3	0	0	34
33	Pasighat Civil Sub-Division Deptt, Of Hydro Power Development	0	0	0	0	0

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
34	AP. Electrical Circle, Department of Power, Pasighat	1	1	1	0	14
35	Office of the EE, RWD, Pasighat	26	22	0	0	290
36	O/o the Superintendent of Police East Siang, Pasighat	14	12	2	0	0
37	Tax, Excise and Narcotics, East Siang	3	3	0	0	10
38	Veterinary Training Institute, Dept. of AHV & DD, Pasighat	3	2	0	1	60
39	Office of the Asstt. Controller Legal Metrology & CA Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
40	District Food and Civil Supplies Office, Pasighat	4	4	0	0	210
41	District Art & Culture Office, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
42	District Transport Office, Pasighat	7	7	7	0	70
43	Assistant Director of Textiles & Handicrafts, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
44	District Industries Centre, Pasighat	2	2	0	0	40
45	District Library & Information Office, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46	Land Management Department DLSRO, Pasighat	53	53	0	0	1642
47	Geology & Mining Deptt, Pasighat	4	4	0	0	125
48	Agriculture (O/o Principal, GTC, Pasighat	2	2	0	0	50
49	DFO, D. Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary	15	15	0	0	0
50	O/o of the District Sport Officer, Pasighat	0	0	0	0	0
51	APST, Pasighat	1	1	0	0	0
52	Department of Environment & Forests Climate Change Pasighat	50	42	0	0	500
53	O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer, East Siang, Pasighat	2	0	0	0	0
54	APPWD, Pasighat Division	21	18	2	1	750
55	ADC Office, Mebo	14	14	0	0	420
	TOTAL	451	389	31	13	38133

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	(xiv) LOWER SIANG					
1	Deptt. of UD & H, Likabali	4	4	0	0	42
2	Office of the Superintendent of Police, Likabali, Lower Siang	13	13	13	0	0
3	Education Department, Likabali, Lower Siang	24	18	4	2	2926
4	District Medical Officer, Lower Siang, Likabali	2	1	0	0	724
5	District food and Civil Supplies Officer, Likabali, Lower Siang	3	3	0	0	0
6	Department of UD & H, Likabali Division	4	1	0	0	0
	TOTAL	50	40	17	2	3692
	(xv) SHI YOMI					
1	SP, Office, Tato	3	3	0	0	0
	TOTAL	3	3	0	0	0
	(xvi) LOWER DIBANG VALLEY					
1	RWD, Roing	11	11	6	0	1040
2	DLRSO, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley	27	27	5	0	3259

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	EE, PHED, Lower Dibang Valley	2	2	0	0	20
4	AMDO, Roing	1	1	1	0	10
5	Supdt(T & E)	1	1	0	0	10
6	EE, RD, Roing	0	1	0	0	10
7	CO(j/s) Roing	4	4	1	0	40
8	DFO, Roing	1	1	0	0	10
9	CO(G/A)	1	1	0	0	10
10	DM Roing	3	3	0	0	30
11	GM(NH-IDCL, Roing)	1	1	0	0	10
12	DTO(T)	0	1	0	0	10
13	BM, SBI, Roing	1	1	0	0	10
14	EE, RWD, Roing	11	11	6	0	1040
	TOTAL	64	66	19	0	5509
	(xvii) DIBANG VALLEY					
1	Textile & Handicraft, Dibang Valley, Anini	0	0	0	0	0
2	PWD, Anini	9	6	4	0	4746
3	Arunachal Pradesh Police, Dibang Valley District, Anini	4	4	4	0	0
	TOTAL	13	10	8	0	4746

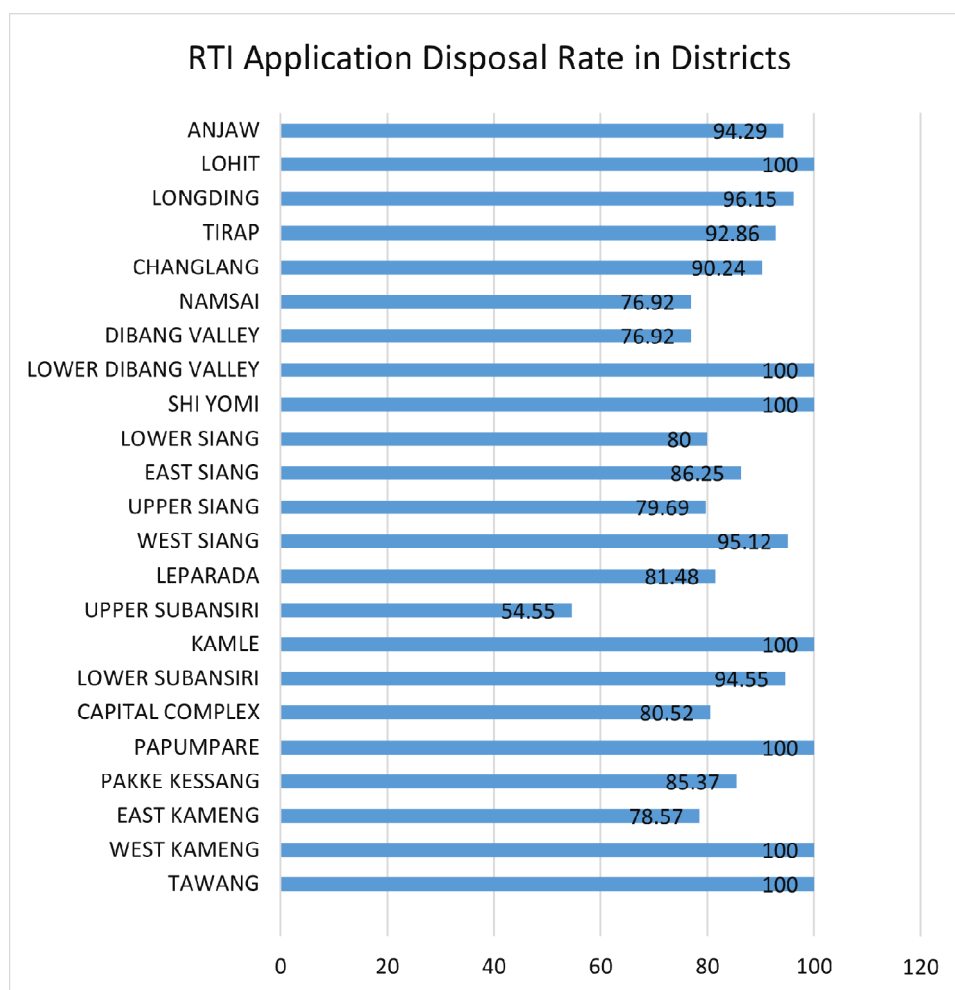
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	(xviii) NAMSAI					
1	Arunachal Pradesh Police, Namsai	22	22	0	0	220
2	Chief Engineer, PWD, Eastern Zone, Namsai	6	3	0	0	80
3	RWD, Namsai	11	5	0	0	82
	TOTAL	39	30	0	0	382
	(xix) CHANGLANG					
1	Rural Works Department, Changlang Division	21	17	4	0	170
2	Arunachal Pradesh Police, Office of the Superintendent of Police, Changlang District (A.P)	28	26	0	0	140
3	Arunachal Pradesh Police, Changlang	28	26	0	0	140
4	Executive Engineer, Yatdam, Hydro Power Division, Changlang	2	2	0	0	600
5	RWD, Jairampur	3	3	0	0	0
	TOTAL	82	74	4	0	1050

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	(xx) TIRAP					
1	ADC Office, Deomali, Tirap	1	1	0	0	10
2	Department of Power, Deomali Electrical Division	14	14	0	0	198
3	SP Office, Khonsa	19	17	2	0	0
4	WRD, Kanubari	8	7	3	1	5362
	TOTAL	42	39	5	1	5570
	(xxi) LONGDING					
1	DAO-Longding	0	0	0	0	0
2	Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, GA, Kanubari, Longding	1	1	0	0	10
3	Dept. of Education/ Deputy Director of School Education, Longding	5	5	0	0	870
4	Economics & Statistics, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
5	Department of AH & Vet, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
6	CDPO, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
7	WRD, Kanubari	8	7	3	1	5362
8	Health and Family Welfare	0	0	0	0	0

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	District Industries Centre, Longding	1	1	0	0	0
10	General Administration, DC Office, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
11	District Election Office, Longding	1	1	0	0	40
12	District Sports Office, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
13	District Planning Office, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
14	District Tourism Office, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
15	District Transport Officer, Longding	1	1	0	0	10
16	District Land & Revenue Settlement Officer, Longding	4	4	0	1	3023
17	Disaster Management	0	0	0	0	0
18	Tax, Excise & Narcotics	4	4	0	0	40
19	District Horticulture Office, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
20	Department of Fisheries, Longding	1	1	0	0	70
21	Art & Culture, Longding	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	26	25	3	2	9425

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	(xxii) LOHIT					
1	Chief Engineer(EZ), Department of Hydro Power Development, Tezu	7	7	0	0	551
2	Treasury Office, Tezu	0	0	0	0	0
3	Superintendent of Police, Tezu	10	10	0	0	40
	TOTAL	17	17	0	0	591
	(xxiii) ANJAW					
1	District Food & Civil Supplies, Hawai	0	0	0	0	0
2	Deptt. of Hydro Power Development, Hayuliang	5	5	1	0	50
3	District Election Office, Anjaw	1	0	0	1	0
4	Horticulture, Hawai, Anjaw	1	1	0	0	10
5	District Information & Public Relations, Anjaw	0	0	0	0	0
6	JMFC-cum-Civil Judge(jr. Divn,) Hawai	0	0	0	0	0
7	Circle Office , Kibithoo, Anjaw	0	0	0	0	0
8	Arunachal Pradesh Police, Hawai, Anjaw	11	10	0	0	110

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	Department of Health, Anjaw	4	4	4	0	0
10	District Labour & Employment Office, Hawaii, Anjaw	0	0	0	0	0
11	PWD Hayuliang	13	13	0	0	130
	TOTAL	35	33	5	1	300



(8) Complaint U/S 18(1) and Second Appeal U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received by the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission during the period 2024-25.

Sl. No.	Name of the Public Authority	Complaint	Appeal	Disposed/ Dismissed	Pending
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	ADC	0	6	5	1
2	AH & Vet	0	5	3	2
3	APEDA	0	1	1	0
4	Bamboo Resource Corporation Ltd.	0	2	2	0
5	BDO	0	10	9	1
6	BSNL, Govt. of India	0	1	0	1
7	Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board	0	1	1	0
8	CCF	0	1	1	0
9	Chief Secretary	0	2	2	0
10	Circle Officer	1	1	2	0
11	Conservator of Forest & Field Director, Project Tiger, Namdapha National Park, Miao	0	1	1	0
12	DAO	0	4	4	0
13	DC	0	7	4	3
14	DDSE	0	15	13	2
15	Department of Personnel	0	1	1	0
16	DFO	2	64	40	26
17	DHO	0	1	1	0
18	DHS, Naharlagun		1	1	0
19	Director, Namdapha National Park	0	1	1	0
20	Directorate of Land Management	0	11	8	3
21	Directorate of Research	0	1	1	0
22	DLSRO	0	6	3	3
23	DMO	0	17	17	0
24	DPDO	0	24	22	2
25	DPO	0	1	1	0
26	DRDA	0	4	3	1
27	EAC	0	8	7	1
28	Economics & Statistics	0	2	2	0
29	Education	0	3	2	1
30	Education (Engineering Wing)	0	1	0	1

Sl. No.	Name of the Public Authority	Complaint	Appeal	Disposed/ Dismissed	Pending
1	2	3	4	5	6
31	Fisheries	0	1	1	0
32	Geology & Mining	0	1	0	1
33	Himalayan University	0	1	1	0
34	Hydropower	0	8	5	3
35	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd	0	1	1	0
36	ISSE/SSA	0	2	1	1
37	Itanagar Municipal Corporation	0	2	0	2
38	JBDO	0	1	1	0
39	NEEPCO	0	1	0	1
40	Panchayati Raj	1	0	0	1
41	PCOF	0	1	1	0
42	PHE & WS	3	37	33	7
43	Power (Electrical)	1	39	37	3
44	PSCDCL	0	6	5	1
45	PWD	6	57	51	12
46	RD	0	2	1	1
47	Research	0	1	1	0
48	Rural Dev Agency	0	1	1	0
49	RWD	0	27	22	5
50	SJETA	0	1	1	0
51	State Bamboo Mission	0	1	0	1
52	State Cooperative Arunachal Pradesh Apex Bank Ltd	0	1	1	0
53	State Pollution Control Board	0	2	2	0
54	State Rural Livelihood Mission	0	1	1	0
55	Superintendent of Police	0	1	1	0
56	Tax, Excise & Narcotics	0	5	5	0
57	Textile & Handicraft	0	13	12	1
58	Town Planning	0	2	2	0
59	UD & Housing	0	2	1	1
60	WRD	2	26	23	5
	TOTAL	16	447	369	94

(9) Top 10 RTI Applicants across Departments and Public Authorities (2024–25)

Sl. No.	Name of applicant	No. of RTI applications	Departments/ Public Authorities
1	Anil Jilee	27	Power, DDSE, ISSE, Samagra Shiksha etc.
2	Riya Taram	26	ISSE, Samagra Shiksha, PWD, PHED & WSD, RWD etc.
3	Maye Natung	21	RWD, Department of Power, ISSE, Samagra Shiksha, etc.
4	Tamchi Gungte	19	DDSE Cum District Project Officer, Hydropower, RWD, PWD, DC etc.
5	Tania June	19	ATI, PWD, Directorate of Horticulture, Hydropower, PWD Highway, ICDS Cell etc.
6	Kipa Natung	15	Directorate of Horticulture, Directorate of Agriculture, DC etc.
7	Chow Lajamang Mannow	7	PWD, ISSE, Samagra Shiksha etc.
8	Taram Kenji	7	ADO, Power, Electrical, Tax, Excise & Narcotics etc.
9	Likha Tomu	7	PWD, UD & Housing etc.
10	Jesun Yangfo	7	PCCF, UD & Housing, Directorate of Industries etc.

(10) Status of Complaints registered with the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission in the year 2024

Sl. No.	Year 2024	Total
1.	Total Complaint Registered	16
2.	Total Complaint Disposed	9
3.	Total Complaint Pending	7

(11) Status of Second Appeal Cases registered with the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission in the year 2024

Sl. No.	Year 2024	Total
1.	Total Second Appeal Cases Registered	447
2.	Total Second Appeal Cases Disposed	360
3.	Total Second Appeal Cases Pending	87

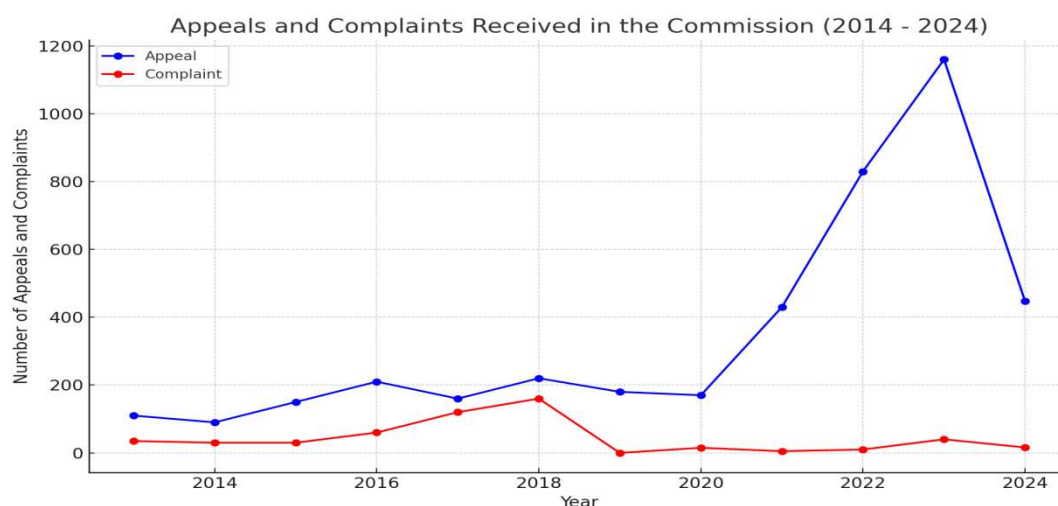
(12) Total Penalty & Compensation Paid by the Public Authorities in the year 2024

1.	Total Penalty Amount Paid	Rs. 66,5000
2.	Total Compensation Amount Paid	Rs. 10,5000

(13) Arrest Warrant, Disciplinary Action taken against the Public Authorities in the year 2024

1.	Total No. of Arrest Warrant issued	17
2.	Total No. of disciplinary action taken	1

(14) Comparative Analysis of trends in Appeals & Complaints received in the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission in the last 10 years



The graph illustrates the trends in second appeals and complaints received by the Commission from 2014 to 2024. While appeals peaked significantly in recent years, complaints saw a notable dip in 2024—reflecting improved redressal and proper hearings at the First Appellate Authority (FAA) level.

(15) Latest Status of Writ Petition filed against the decision of the Commission before the Gauhati High Court

Sl. No.	Name of Cases	Status of the Case
1.	WP(C)No.77 (A.P)/2020 Shri Mibong Borang Vs the State of A.P & 5 Ors.	Pending
2.	WP(C)No.295(A.P)/2019 Shri Rojum Tayeng Vs the State of A.P & Ors	Pending.
3.	WP(C)No.341(A.P)/2019 Shri Rojum Tayeng Vs the State of A.P & Ors.	Pending
4.	WP(C)No.101(A.P)/2020 APPSC Vs the APIC.	Pending
5.	WP(C)No.425(A.P)/2021 Jobuk Palon Vs APIC & 7 Ors.	Pending

6.	WP(C)No.354/2021 M/s Agam Construction Vs the APIC & Ors.	Pending
7.	WP(C)No.355/2021 M/s Purvanchal Enterprises Vs the APIC & Ors.	Pending
8.	WP(C)No.144/2022 M/s M.B Enterprises Vs the APSIC & 4 Ors.	Pending
9.	WP(C)No.145/2022 M/s J.B Enterprises Vs the APSIC & 4 Ors.	Pending
10.	WP(C)No.180/2022 M/s Agam Construction Vs the APIC & 3 Ors.	Pending
11.	WP(C)No.577/2023 Apex Professional University & Anr. Vs the State of AP & 5 Ors.	Pending
12.	WP(C)No.354/2023 Tanyang Tajo Vs the APIC & 2 Ors.	Pending
13.	WP(C)No.191/2023 Mirik Bagra Vs the APIC & 2 Ors.	Pending
14.	WP(C)No.73/2024 Tai Abu Vs the APIC & 2 Ors.	Disposed of
15.	WP(C)No.228/2024 Nabam Nanu & Anr Vs the APIC & 3 Ors.	Pending
16.	WP(C)No.229/2024 Taba Tokur Vs the APIC & 3 Ors.	Disposed of
17.	WP(C) No.7/2025 Shri Takam Titus Vs the APIC & Anr.	Pending
18.	WP(C) No. 154/2025 Kompu Dolo Vs The APIC & 4 Ors.	Disposed of
19.	WP(C) No.279/2025 Samraj Sur Chakma Vs The APIC & 2 Ors	Pending
20.	WP(C) No.167/2023 the PIO cum Executive Engineer Vs The APIC & 2 Ors.	Pending

(16) Recommendation of the Commission to the Government

As per Section 25 (3)(g), the Commission would like to reiterate the following recommendation to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for effective implementation of the RTI Act in the state.

REGULAR REPORT RETURN FROM PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Although Sub Sections (2) and (3) of Section 25 of the RTI Act mandate that each Ministry and Department in relation to the Public Authorities within their jurisdiction, shall collect and provide such information to the State Information Commission, as is required to prepare the Annual Report. The State government, through the nodal department should direct all the PIOs to submit the quarterly report & periodical report regarding effective implementation of RTI Act, 2005 of the Public Authority regularly.

INADEQUATE PERFORMANCE OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

As per Section 19(1), Any person who does not receive decision within the time specified or aggrieved by the decision of the State Public Information Officer (SPIO), may within 30 days from the expiry of such period or from the receipt of such a decision, prefer an appeal to such officer who is senior in rank to the State Information officer in each public authority.

It has been observed that this provision of First Appellate Authority is being done by a very few public authorities and most of the First Appellate Authorities do not discharge their function in the state so much so that, the department of Administrative Reform (AR) the nodal department, has not been able to bring out the Rules on the First Appellate Authority.

For effective implementation of the Act, the provision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA) is to be complied with strictly. For this, the appropriate initiative is required from the nodal department of the government.

PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE

As per Section 4 of the RTI Act, it is the obligation of every Public Authority to disclose certain information on Suo Motu basis as laid down under sub-section (1) of the Section.

As per Sub Section (2) of the Section, it shall be a constant endeavor of every Public Authority to take steps in accordance with the requirements of the clause (b) of the Section 1 to provide as much information Suo-Motu to the public at regular intervals through various means of communication including internet, so that public have minimum resort to the use of the Act to obtain information.

It has been observed that most of the Public Authorities are not strictly complying with the provisions of the Section by proactive disclosure of the activities undertaken by the Public Authority. It is also observed that many of the Public Authorities do not have a website containing up to date information. If more and more Suo-Motu disclosure is made by the Public Authorities, undoubtedly there would be less and less people to resort to the Act for seeking information. Therefore, the Commission recommends that the Chief Secretary of the State should direct all the Public Authorities of the state to comply with the provisions of the Act strictly.

(17) PHOTO GALLERY



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State Chief Information Commissioner
Mobile No. 9717393958**



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State Information Commissioner
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**Shri Taro Mize, APCS
Secretary-cum-Registrar
15/12/2022 to 13/08/2024
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**Smti Maman Radung, APCS,
Deputy Registrar – 09/13/2017 to
30/11/2024
Registrar – 02/12/2024 till date
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**Shri Jacob Lego,
Senior Finance and Accounts Officer
11/12/2020 to till date
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Shri Rinchen Dorjee, HSCIC, being felicitated with a token of gratitude during his farewell ceremony by Shri Taro Mize, then Registrar, along with Maman Padung, then Deputy Registrar, and Hon'ble State Information Commissioners Dani Gamboo and Khopey Thaley, in recognition of his dedicated service to the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission.



Smti Maman Padung, Deputy Registrar, APIC presenting the Galup (Traditional Adi Coat) and memento to the outgoing HSCIC



Farewell ceremony of Shri Taro Mize, Registrar, APIC (15th Dec 2022 – 13th Aug 2024), held at the Commission's Conference Hall in the presence of HSIC Shri Dani Gamboo, HSIC Sangyal Tsering Bappu, Dy. Registrar Maman Padung and officials of the Commission.



Officers and officials of APIC bid a warm farewell to the outgoing Registrar, honouring his dedicated service to the Commission.



Republic Day 2025 celebrated with pride and enthusiasm by HSICs Dani Gamboo, Khopey Thaley and the APIC team.



HSICs Dani Gamboo, Khopey Thaley with the Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) at Raj Bhawan on Republic Day, 2025

(18) Some of the significant orders/decisions of the Commission



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

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

Vide No. APIC- 594/2023

Shri Bengia Apo
Village Tayang
PO/PS: Koloriang
Kurung Kumey District
Arunachal Pradesh. Pin: 791118.
(M) 9362559211

Appellant

Vs

PIO – O/o PD DRDA Koloriang,
Kurung Kumey District
Arunachal Pradesh
Pin:791118

Respondent

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

(Form-4 CPC R/W Sec – 20 (1) & (2) of the RTI Act, 2005)

To,

Shri Pama Bagang
PIO - O/o PD DRDA Koloriang,
Kurung Kumey District
Arunachal Pradesh
Pin: 791118

Whereas, Shri Bengia Apo filed second appeal against you before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar, on 27th June, 2023 U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 registered vide appeal no. APIC-594/2023, wherein, alleging against you that you have not furnished information sought by him in RTI application dated 10th January, 2023 relating to the matter as quoted in Form-A application.

Whereas, you being the PIO – O/o the PD DRDA Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh, have failed to furnish the information sought under RTI Act, 2005 to the appellant within prescribed period of 30 days from the receipt of his application as provided under section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 without any reason, whereby, amounting to violation of the sub section (1) of section 7, which liable for imposing reasonable penalty against you under Sub Section (1) of Section-20 of the RTI Act 2005.

Whereas, date of hearing of the appeal was intimated to you well in advance for the last hearing dated 29th August, 2024 but you were found absent during the hearing without any information to this Commission / Court, which is unbecoming on the part of PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO besides performing public duties, also has to attend court

hearing when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO, thereby amounting to contempt of this court. You remained absent in earlier five hearings as well.

And whereas, this commission was empowered with powers of Civil Court U/S 18, sub-section (3), clause (a) and U/S 20 (1) & (2) of RTI Act, 2005. Hence the commission has seriously viewed your absence and found it fit for imposing reasonable penalty for your neglect in furnishing the information(s) to the appellant, as well as not complying with the hearing notice of this commission / court.

Whereas, the appellant stated before commission that till today's 6th hearing dated 29th August, 2024 he has not received any of the information from the PIO as sought in his form-A application despite the order passed by this court / commission on 13th October, 2023 for providing information contained at serial no. (f) only in RTI application form-A.

After hearing the appellant, the commission observes that in the last hearing on 28th June, 2024 the PIO, that is you, were ordered to comply with the order passed in the earlier hearings dated 12th December, 2023 and 17th May, 2024. Your failure to comply with the order / direction of this commission / court shows the defiant attitude of you in honouring the order of this commission.

Your act of defying the order of this commission seems you to be a contemnor, for which this commission has been compelled to issue this show cause notice to you as to why you failed to appear before the court / commission without any intimation, failed to provide information to the appellant and failed to comply with orders of this court / commission.

You are once again directed to provide the information as ordered earlier to the appellant on or before the next date of hearing. And it is to be mentioned in this order that if same attitude is repeated by you / PIO in next date of hearing, **the PIO shall be issued arrest warrant as per order 21, rule 37 of Civil Procedure Code empowered upon the commission by Section 18(3) and Section 20(1) & (2) under RTI Act, 2005.**

Therefore, you are hereby ordered to submit a **written explanation** of your conduct and provide the commission a valid cause, why penalty should not be imposed against you as provided in section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for violation of sub section (1) of the Section 7 of RTI Act, 2005 and it should reach to this commission on or before 20th September, 2024.

Next date of hearing shall be issued in due course of time. And you are hereby ordered to appear in person or through online mode before the commission (APIC) on the next date of hearing along with information sought by the appellant. Failing which, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission / Court on this 29th day of August, 2024.

Sd/-
(Dani Gamboo)
State Information Commissioner



ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE COURT OF MAJOR GENERAL JARKEN GAMLIN, STATE CHIEF
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No.APIC-356/2022

Dated, Itanagar the **11th February, 2025**

An Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Shri Nabam Tapak, Lekhi Village, Near Iconic Dealer, PO/PS Nirjuli, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh. PIN-791109

Vs

Respondent: Shri Kocho Jomoh, the PIO –cum-DDSE, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791120.

ORDER

- (1) This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Nabam Tapak, Lekhi Village, Near Iconic Dealer, PO/PS Nirjuli, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for non-furnishing of information by the PIO –cum-DDSE, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on 07/03/2022 regarding the details of appointment orders of PTI & PTI Grade-II, PTT, PET, PRT, TGT.
- (2) **The 16th hearing was held on 11th February, 2025.** Shri Kocho Jomoh, the PIO-cum-DDSE, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh was absent. The Appellant Shri Nabam Tapak was present.
- (3) The consecutive absence, violation of provisions of a statute and noncompliance of Commission's order is utter contempt of court.
- (4) The Commission had imposed a penalty of ₹ 25, 000 (Rupees twenty five thousand) only against **Shri Kocho Jomoh, the PIO –cum-DDSE**, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh. The PIO was directed to

deposit the said penalty amount in favour of the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar through Treasury Challan in the Head of Account **“0070-Other Administrative Charge”**. The penalty amount had to be deposited before 30th December, 2024 and the proof of depositing the amount through treasury challan had to be produced along with all the information as sought for by the Appellant on 11th February, 2025 but the PIO failed to do so.

- (5) Shri Kocho Jomoh, the PIO –cum-DDSE, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh was also directed to SHOW CAUSE as to why disciplinary action should not be initiated by the competent authority under sub section (2) of Section (20) of the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO was cautioned that if he failed to do so, sub section (2) of Section (20) of the RTI Act would be invoked and under sub section (5) of Section (25) of the RTI Act, 2005 the Commission would report the matter to competent authority. The PIO even failed to submit his reply against the SHOW CAUSE issued. Hereby, **the Commission before taking stringent action, for the cause of natural justice, give reasonable opportunity to the PIO and decides to enforce the attendance of the PIO under Section 18(3) (a) of the RTI Act, 2005.**
- (6) Therefore, the Officer In charge, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Police Station Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh is directed to arrest and bring the said delinquent Officer before the Court on 8th April, 2025 (Tuesday), at 11:00 AM without fail. Separate Arrest Warrant will also be issued to the Officer In charge in due course.
- (7) **The next date of hearing is fixed on 8th April, 2025 (Tuesday) at 1100 hrs.**
- (8) The Deputy Commissioner, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh, and the Superintendent of Police, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh are directed **to ensure arrest and attendance** of Shri Kocho Jomoh, the PIO–cum-DDSE, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro, Lower Subansiri District and be brought before the Commission’s Court on the date of hearing.

The Appellant is also directed to be present during the hearing, failing which the case shall be disposed of without any further notice.

Order copies are issued to all the parties.

Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd),
State Chief Information Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar



ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-388/2024

APPELLANT

Shri Kompu Dolo, C-Sector, Quarter No. 11 (type IV)
Itanagar, PO/PS Itanagar (A.P)

RESPONDENT

The PIO, the ADC/Returning Officer,
9th Chayang Tajo Assembly Constituency,
East Kameng District (A.P)

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Kompu Dolo for denial of below mentioned information by the PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo, ST Assembly Constituency, East Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh as sought for by him under Section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005.

Facts emerging from the appeal:

Records reveal that the appellant, vide his application dated 6th June, 2024, had initially requested the o/o the PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo, ST Assembly Constituency, East Kameng District for the following information/documents:

1. **Xerox copies** of used voters slips of 5 (five) Polling Stations (i.e. 02–Ve0, 17–Nari Camp, 25–Boker and 30 – Lochung and 37 – Jote Cheda) issued by Polling Officer to individual voters during poll day of recently concluded General Election April/2024.
2. **Xerox Marked copies** of the Electoral Roll of Ve0, Nari Camp, Boker, Lochung and Jote Cheda Polling Station and other related documents.
3. **Video clip** recorded during scrutiny day of nomination papers of all contested MLA candidates held on 28/03/2024 at Returning Officer's office room of 9th Chayang Tajo at DC's office Seppa.

4. **Xerox copy** of bank Pass Book of Shri Anil Rebe, Election Agent of Shri Hayeng Mangfi, operated at Axis Bank and used Election expenses during the entire process of General Election/2024.
5. **Xerox copy** of Bank statement and Bank Pass Book, if any, used and operated by Shri Hayeng Mangfi, contested MLA candidate in any Bank and were used exclusively for Election Expenses/2024.
6. **CCTV footage** recorded on the scrutiny day of 28/03/2024 in the Office Room of the Returning Officer of 9th Chayang Tajo at DC's office Seppa.

The appellant followed the above RTI application by another application dated 19th June, 2024 to the Returning Officer, Chayang Tajo requesting for the used Form 17-A of 9/32 Kapu Dada, 9/19-Krema Pao, 9/2-Veo and 17-Nari-camp Polling station of 9th Chayang Tajo (ST) Assembly Constituency.

Records further disclose that in response to the appellant's RTI application dated 19th June, 2024, the PIO-cum-Dy. District Election Officer, East Kameng District, Seppa, vide letter dated 5th July, 2024, intimated the appellant of the refusal of the PIO to entertain his request on the ground that under Rule 93 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, the documents requested shall not be opened or inspected by, or produced before any person or authority without the orders of a competent court.

Being aggrieved with the rejection of his application by the PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo, ST Assembly Constituency and the PIO-cum-Dy. District Election Officer, East Kameng District, Seppa, the appellant, vide his Memo of Appeal dated 17th August, 2024, approached the PIO of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nirvachan Bhavan, Itanagar under section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 by incorporating the following 3 (three) additional points to his RTI application dated 6th June, 2024:

- (a) Xerox copies of final deployment list of presiding officers and polling officers of 38 polling stations;
- (b) One full set of certified true copy of nomination papers of Shri Hayeng Mangfi; and
- (c) Used Form 17-A of 9/32 Kapu Dada, 9/19-Krema Pao, 9/2-Veo and 17-Nari-camp Polling station of 9th Chayang Tajo (ST) Assembly Constituency.

In response to the aforesaid appeal, the Joint Chief Electoral Officer by his letter dated 12th September, 2024, transferred the said appeal to the DEO, East Kameng District, Seppa in terms of section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Pursuant to the transfer of the RTI application by the office of the CEO, Itanagar to the DEO, East Kameng, Seppa, the office of the PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo, vide letter dated 16th October, 2024 signed by the ARO, intimated the appellant that the requested documents at Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 are in the strong room and reiterated the rule position as intimated earlier in this regard (i.e., the provisions of Rule 93 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961). The ARO had also pointed out that the appellant had filed an election petition in the Gauhati High Court.

Being dissatisfied with the response of the PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo and the CEO, Itanagar, the appellant filed his 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide Memo of Appeal dated 3rd December, 2024 which has been registered as APIC-388/2024.

Hearing and decision:

The appeal was, accordingly, listed for hearing on 21st February, 2025 wherein both the appellant, Shri Kompu Dolo and PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo, Shri Biaro Sorum were present physically.

Heard the parties.

The PIO, reiterating the rule position as already intimated to the appellant on disclosure of certain documents, submitted that except those expressly prohibited under the Conduct of Election Rules, the appellant had been furnished with other documents such as:

- (a) Xerox copy of passbook operated by Shri Anil Rebe, the Election Agent of Shri Hayeng Mangfi;
- (b) Xerox copies of final deployment list of presiding officers and polling officers of 38 polling stations; and
- (c) One full set of certified true copy of nomination papers of Shri Hayeng Mangfi.

In this regard, the PIO has also submitted a detailed record vide his letter dated 19th February, 2024 which has been taken on record by this Commission.

The appellant, during the course of hearing, acknowledged the receipt of the above documents which he had requested in another RTI application dated 20th June, 2024. He, however, expressed his disappointment for not being able to obtain the used Form-17A in respect of 9/32 Kapu Dada, 9/19-Krema Pao, 9/2-Veo and 17-Nari-camp Polling Stations.

This Commission, upon hearing the parties and on perusal of the provisions of rule 93 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, holds that the PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo was right in refusing to furnish the aforesaid documents (Form-17A) as being in conformity with the said rule.

Rule 93 stipulates that ballot papers in physical form cannot be inspected or produced before any person or authority except under the order of a competent court.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Ram Sewak Yadav vs Hussain K. Kidwai (1964) 6 SCR 238*, interpreting rule 93, observed that ballot papers may be inspected only under an order of a competent court/tribunal, but other documents are open for public inspection subject to certain conditions.

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4715 of 2008 (Election Commission of India vs. Central Information Commission and others)*, by judgment & order dated 04.11.2009 delivered by Hon'ble Justice Sanjeev Khanna (now the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India) held that:

"The object and purpose behind the aforesaid rule is to maintain utmost secrecy and confidentiality of the ballot papers and the control unit which contains the information regarding the votes polled, the votes secured by each candidate in a polling station etc. Such information is kept secret to maintain confidentiality, and secure information relating to voters, pattern of voting etc. and avoid unnecessary petition based on mere apprehensions and unfounded grounds. Ensuring confidentiality and secrecy of the votes polled is sacrosanct in election by a secret ballot. This is necessary to protect the electorate from any reprisal or adverse consequences for voting in a particular manner or for a party/candidate. The object is that the said material should not be accessible unless a competent court for valid reason directs disclosure or inspection."

The Hon'ble High Court in paragraphs 21 to 25, had also comprehensively interpreted the definitions of 'information' and 'right to information accessible under this Act' as contained in clauses (f) and (j) respectively of section 2 of the RTI Act, 2005 as under:

21. *Section 2(f) of the RTI Act defines information as material in any form accessible to a public authority under any other law i.e. an enactment other than the RTI Act. Section 2(j) defines "right to information" as "information accessible under the RTI Act which is held by or under the control of the public authority". The words "information accessible under this Act" used in Section 2(j) can cause ambiguity, if read in isolation. But on a harmonious reading of the two definition clauses, the words "accessible under this Act" have reference to Section 2(f) of the RTI Act otherwise the two definition clauses will be mutually contradictory. The term "Right to information" should be defined with reference to the term "information". The words "information accessible under this Act" in Section 2(j) will mean information which is accessible to a public authority and not information to which the public authority is denied access. The "right to information" is subject to the provisions and exemptions under the RTI Act and therefore the legislature has used the words "information accessible under this Act" while defining "right to information" under Section 2(j).*
22. The words "under the control of a public authority" as per their natural meaning imply the right and power of the public authority to have access to the said information. Wharton's Law Lexicon (15th edition) defines the word "held" as to have ownership or use; or keep as one's own. Stroud's Judicial Dictionary (4th edition) used that in legal parlance the word "held" means to possess "legal title."

The words "held by" in Section 2(j) in the context of the RTI Act will include not only information under the legal control of the public authority but also all information which is otherwise available with them. The public authority should have dominion over the information or semblance of the right to the material which constitutes information. The words "held by or under the control of a public authority" are to be given a broad and wide meaning but at the same time cannot include information to which access is denied to a public authority itself under any other statutory enactment.

If there is a prohibition or bar under an enactment and the public authority is disabled and prevented access to material or information, the bar or prohibition is not undone or erased by the RTI Act. Similarly, if there is a pre-condition, before a public authority can access information under any other enactment, the said pre-condition should be satisfied. Right to information from a public authority requires the public authority's corresponding right to access the said information. If there is an absolute or complete bar on the public authority's right to access information then such information cannot be supplied and if there is a partial bar or pre-condition, then the pre-condition should be satisfied before information is furnished.

23. *Thus, to word it differently, material/details to which the public authority has access must be furnished, subject to the exemptions under the RTI Act. However, if the public authority is denied access or cannot have access due to any limitation or restriction under a statute, the material does not constitute 'information' under the RTI Act.*

Once the statutory precondition for access by the public authority to material/details is satisfied, the material/details are "information" within the meaning of section 2(f) and a citizen has a right to access "information". The requirement is that the public authority should have the right to access information which is "held by or under the control of any public authority".

24. *Any other interpretation of the foregoing Sections of the RTI Act, will lead to incongruous and unacceptable results, with a statutory protection or prohibition in another enactment being nullified by filing an application under the RTI Act. The legislature has therefore in Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, carefully used the words "accessed by a public authority under any other law" before a right to information accrues and information is "held by or under the control of any public authority." Where a public authority is disabled till satisfaction of certain conditions or is prohibited from having access to any information, the provisions of the third enactment continue to apply and are not re-written or over-written by the RTI Act.*
25. *When information is accessible to a public authority and is held or under its control, then the information must be furnished to the information seeker under the RTI Act, even if there are conditions or prohibitions under another statute already in force or under the Official Secrets Act that restricts or prohibits access to "information to public." Prohibition or conditions which prevent a citizen from having access to information in view of the non obstante clause in Section 22 of the RTI Act do not apply. Restriction on the rights of citizens is erased. However, when access to information by a public authority itself is prohibited or is accessible subject to conditions, then the prohibition is not obliterated and the pre-conditions continue to apply. Section 22 of the RTI Act is a key which removes limitation/prohibition imposed on prior enactment on the right of a citizen to access information accessible to a public authority. It is not a key with the public authority that can be used to undo and erase prohibitions/limitations on the right of public authority to access information.*

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, thus, relying on the ratios of Hon'ble Supreme Court rulings in *Bhabhi vs. Sheo Govind and others* (1976)1 SCC 687, *V.S. Achuthanandan Vs. P.G. Francis and another* (2001) 3 SCC 81 and *Ram Sewak Yadav vs. Hussain K. Kidwai* and interpreting the definitions of 'information' and 'right to information accessible under the RTI Act, 2005' as above, set aside and quashed the CIC's order directing the Election Commission of India to disclose the confirmation of information on the EVM (date and time, votes, vote tally and other information etc.).

The Hon'ble High Court also held that *in case an election petition has been filed, the competent court can always direct furnishing of information on being satisfied that the parameters specified by the Supreme Court for furnishing of information and re-examination of data stored in the EVMs are met.*

During the course of hearing, this Commission was informed by both the PIO and the appellant, Shri Kompu Dolo that an Election Petition has since been filed by Shri Kompu Dolo in the Gauhati High Court. This Commission, therefore, while endorsing the decision of the PIO, the ADC-cum-Returning Officer, 9th Chayang Tajo refusing to provide the used Form-17A in respect of 9/32 Kapu Dada, 9/19-Krema Pao, 9/2-Veo and 17-Nari-camp Polling Stations in terms of rule 93 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, suggests the appellant to make a plea, if so advised, by way of an IA in his Election Petition, before the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, for an appropriate direction to the PIO concerned to furnish the sought for information.

This appeal is, accordingly, disposed of and closed.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on 24.02.2025.

S. TSERING BAPPU
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.



ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

ORDER

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellant Lokam Tassar on **22nd April, 2024** filed an RTI application under Form-'A' before the PIO-Cum- EAC, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Itanagar, P/pare District, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, whereby, seeking various information, as quoted in Form-A application. The Appellant, being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO, filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24th June, 2024** the Appellant, again having not received the required information(s) from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **18th July, 2024** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC), having receipt of the Appeal registered it as **APIC No. 217/2024** and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission for once i.e on 29th August, 2024 In this hearing of the appeal on 29th day of August, 2024. The Appellant Shri Lokam Tassar and the PIO present during the hearing.

Heard both the parties.

The Appellant stated before the Commission that among all the information(s) as applied in his application, the PIO has provided all the information(s) except the serial no. (i) and (ii) which are: Schedule Tribe (ST) Certificate and Permanent Residential certificate (PRC) issued to Shri Ha Tatu.

The PIO stated that as per the provisions of Section 8 (j) he denied to provide the said information(s) to the Appellant as the information(s) are personal information as defined by the RTI Act, 2005. Moreover, the owner of the documents also objected to furnishing the same citing Section 11 of RTI, Act, 2005, stating that the said information(s) come under third party information.

The appellant contested the suit on the ground that he had applied for the documents as public documents, issued by a public authority, maintained on record by the same public authority. And therefore, the Appellant is at right to apply for a public document through the provisions of RTI, Act, 2005 and thereby, be given to him.

In the wake of the statements made by both the parties; This Court of the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) came to the findings; that;

- (i) The documents/information applied by the Appellant are issued by a public authority and therefore are public documents.
- (ii) In the **CPIO, SC of India –VS- Subhash Chandra Agarwal 2009 SC**; It has been clearly held that information available with the Public authorities is covered by the RTI Act, 2005, being public documents.

- (iii) In the ***Izal Sheikh and others –VS- Abdul Rehman Mia:1990 Gujarat high Court*** held that a private waqf deed, which is recorded in the office of the sub-registrar, is a public document.
- (iv) ***The Indian evidence Act, 1872 states*** that the private documents though made by an individual person but is kept as records in the public offices are regarded as a public document to which the ***Gauhati High Court in the case of Naratham Das- VS- Md.Maradharali (1991) 1GanLR197(DB) also has said that*** “Public documents are those documents, which are required to be kept in the Government custody.
- (v) Public documents are documents of records that are authenticated by a public officer. Public documents also contain statements made by the public officer in his official capacity that are admissible as evidence of the fact in civil matters. They are made available to the public for reference and use.

After hearing both the parties and in view of the above facts and circumstances the appellant is at right to be provided with the full information that he has applied to the PIO through the right given to the Appellant by the RTI Act, 2005. Therefore, I don't find the reluctance of the PIO in denying the information the Appellant as genuine and accordingly order that;

- (i) The PIO to provide the information(s) of serial no. (i) and (ii) to the Appellant, as the provisions of Section 8 (j) of the RTI, Act, 2005 clearly states that “ information which relates to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which could cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Central Public Information officer or the state Public Information Officer or the Appellate Authority, as the case may be , is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information: “ ***provided that the information which cannot be denied to parliament or a State Legislature shall not be denied to any person***”
- (ii) The information be provided to the Appellant within a stipulated time, ***failing which Section 25 (5) shall be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of RTI Act, 2005.***
- (iii) Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.

Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 29th day of August, 2024. Copy of Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 29th day of August, 2024.

Vijay Taram
State Information Commissioner
APIC, Itanagar.



सूचना का अधिकार RIGHT TO INFORMATION

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act

Vide Case No. Appeal-417/2023

BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Shri Tasi Chader.....Appellant

Versus

PIO-cum-Project Director, DRDA,
Daporijo, Upper Subansiri District..... Respondent

Date of hearing : 03/04/2023

Date of decision/Judgment : 23/04/2025

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER: Shri Khopey Thaley

Relevant facts emerging from Appeal:

RTI application file on : 14/12/2022

PIO replied on : —

First appeal filed on : 19/01/2023

First Appellate Authority's order : —

2nd Appeal dated : 09/03/2023

The appellant filed an RTI Application dated 14/12/2022 seeking Details regarding materials procurement and supply of MGNREGA and staff wages at Lemiking, CD Block, Upper Subansiri District.

As per the case record, PIO has never conducted hearings under his jurisdiction.

Being dissatisfied, the appellant filed First Appeal dated 19/01/2023. No hearing has been conducted by the First Appellate Authority in this regard. Feeling aggrieved and dissatisfied, the appellant approached the Commission with instant Second Appeal.

The following were present.

Appellant: Shri Tasi Chader absent.

Respondent: PIO-cum-PD, DRDA, Daporijo attended through VC.

JUDGEMENT ORDER

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the appellants Shri Tasi Chader on **14th December, 2022** filed an RTI application under Form-'A' before the PIO-cum-Project Director, DRDA, Daporijo, Upper Subansiri District, Government of Arunachal Pradesh whereby, seeking various information, as quoted in Form-A application. The Appellant, being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO, filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on **19th January, 2023**, Appellant, again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **9th March, 2023** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC), having receipt of the appeal, registered it as **APIC No. 417/2023** and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission for 16 (sixteen) times i.e on 03/04/2023, 27/04/2023, 15/05/2023, 05/06/2023, 04/09/2023, 09/10/2023, 02/11/2023, 22/01/2024, 10/04/2024, 12/06/2024, 31/07/2024, 09/09/2024, 09/10/2024, 20/11/2024, 18/12/2024 and 23/04/2025. In this hearing of the appeal on **23rd day of April, 2025**, the PIO-cum- Project Director, DRDA, Daporijo attended the hearing through VC but the appellant Shri Tasi Chader was found absent.

As per the case record, on the last hearing dated 18th December, 2024, the appellant was given opportunity to submit in writing why he is not satisfied with the documents provided and what are the documents he has not been provided till date. But the appellant has not given any such submission in writing to the PIO or to the Commission. Moreover, the appellant has submitted a letter addressed to the Chief Information Commissioner requesting to dispose of the Appeal Case No. APIC-206/2023.

Therefore, the Commission deems that the appellant is satisfied and has received the information which he has sought for.

Therefore, the Commission deems fit to dispose of this appeal case No. APIC-417/2023 and close. Accordingly, the appeal case is disposed of and closed.

Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court by the Commission today on the **23rd day of April, 2025**. Each copy of Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this **23rd day of April, 2025**.

Khohey Thaley
State Information Commissioner
APIC, Itanagar.

(19) Name & Designation of staff of APIC, 2024-25

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff	Designation / Charter of duties	Contact No.
1	2	3	4
1	Shri Riggo Dirchi	PS to HSCIC, (Major General Jarken Gamlin)	7640910415
2	Smti Yomjum Geyi	PS to HSIC (Shri Vijay Taram)	9402255920
3	Smti Migam Sora	PS to HSIC (Shri Khopey Thaley)	9436221415
4	Shri Debashish Dey	PS to HSIC (Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu)	9436046993
5	Smti Radhe Uyang	PS to HSIC (Shri Dani Gamboo)	9402413939
6	Shri Odi Menjo	PA to HSCIC (Major General Jarken Gamlin)	8794249305
7	Shri Karke Lona	PA to HSIC (Shri Vijay Taram)	9402960651
8	Shri Nabin Sharmah	PA to HSIC (Shri Dani Gamboo)	6003074742
9	Ms. Nim Drema	PA to HSIC (Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu)	8119862003
10	Ms. Apatliang Thaley	PA to HSIC (Shri Khopey Thaley)	7627906852
11	Smti Taba Pumin	P.A. to Registrar	8787785458
12	Ms Bharati Yun	Computer Programmer	9175098875
13	Shri Sangey Tsering Bapu	UDC (Establishment)	8794302331
14	Shri Tarang Dusu	UDC (Account Section)	8787737168
15	Shri Bokin Lego	LDC (RTI Cell)	9362415602
16	Ms. Anoo Mize	Computer Assistant	8787685664
17	Shri Toko Tash	MTS (Issue and Dispatch)	8257014397
18	Shri Dejum Doke	MTS (Establishment)	7085525833
19	Ms. Bamik Gamlin	Computer Operator to HSCIC, (Major General Jarken Gamlin)	8119040513
20	Shri Tokiram Taram	Computer Operator to HSIC (Shri Vijay Taram)	8413816867
21	Shri Gemin Miyu	Computer Operator to HSIC (Shri Dani Gamboo)	6909180702
22	Shri Thupten Tashi	Computer Operator to HSIC (Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu)	7005928341
23	Shri Benjamin Messar	Computer Operator to HSIC (Shri Khopey Thaley)	8837479259
24	Ms. Chingchung Dazangju	MTS, Computer Cell	8256936337
25	Smti Dari Mamta	MTS to HSCIC	7005371743
26	Miss Hage Ampa	MTS to Registrar	9774547635
27	Miss Gambom Diyum	MTS (RTI Dealing Assistant)	9402235169

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28	Smti Marter Lollen	MTS (Establishment Branch)	9402227298
29	Smti Kiri Ori	MTS to HSIC (Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu)	8787587712
30	Smti Nyadam Gamlin (Gadi)	MTS to Dy. Registrar	9436844218
31	Smti Yape Yonggam	MTS to HSCIC	9436847925
32	Smti Tongam Nomuk	MTS to HSIC (Shri Dani Gamboo)	9436898700
33	Smti Tagru Yarang Bamang	MTS to HSIC (Shri Vijay Taram)	9402020830
34	Shri Bani Taki	MTS (Account Section)	9862510738
35	Miss Taru Yanku	MTS to HSIC (Shri Khopey Thaley)	9862246155
36	Shri Pei Tunka Camder	MTS (Establishment Branch)	9774132270
37	Miss Bamang Rogi	MTS (Establishment)	6009363159
38	Shri Ternga Gadi	MTS (Account Section)	9436848045
39	Shri Penu Doke	MTS (Account Section)	7085329626
40	Ms Indana Mize	MTS (Establishment)	8414997714
41	Shri Wangnop Teyang	MTS (Issue Dispatch)	8837417284
42	Shri Nanu Mize	MTS to Dy. Registrar	9378104984
43	Shri Karbi Tali	Chowkidar	9402461033
44	Smti Junu Roy	Sweeper	-
45	Shri Bali Jini	Driver to Dy. Registrar	9436095112
46	Shri Penya Ronya	Driver for Dak Duty	7005280038
47	Shri Nima Tsering Megegi	Driver to SCIC (Shri Rinchen Dorjee)	9436071917
48	Shri Amar Sonar	Driver to SIC (Shri Vijay Taram)	8729971340
49	Shri Dani Panyang	Driver to SIC (Shri Dani Gamboo)	7629022737
50	Shri Marjum Yomgam	Driver to SIC (Shri Khopey Thaley)	8837279216
51	Shri Sabi Yinyo	Driver to SIC (Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu)	8132810306
52	Shri Kali Lombi	Driver to Registrar	6009786098