

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

Vide Case No.APIC-963/2023

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.**

Shri Tania June

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum- Divisional Forest Officer,
Bomdila, West Kameng District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order:06.03.2025.

JUDGEMENT

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellants Shri Tania June and Tamrin Bapu on **07/06/2023** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-DFO, Bomdila Forest Division, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellants being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16/08/2023**. Appellants again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **10/10/2023** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the complaint registered it as **APIC- No- 963/2023 (Appeal)** and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission for 3 (three) consecutive times, on **07.11.2024, 19.12.2024 & 06.03.2025**. In all the hearings of the Appeal the Appellants found absent without intimating the Commission the reasons for their inability to attend the hearing.

The PIO is represented by the APIO who is the Range Forest Officer (RFO), Bomdila, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the APIO;

The APIO stated before the Commission that the information(s) sought by the Appellants are too voluminous and spanning to 14 years and ambiguous also. On 30th day of October' 2024, the PIO has written a letter to the Appellants for clarification of the specific information(s) to be provided to the Appellants within the prescribed period of time as per RTI, Act, 2005. But, the Appellants have not reciprocated to the letter

Hearing:

The Appeal was heard on, 07.11.2024, 19.12.2024 and 06.03.2025 upon reviewing the submissions from both parties, this Court finds the following:

The Appellants absent for 3(three) consecutive times despite of issuing warning summon notice, i.e on 07.11.2024 & 19.12.2024, which makes the Commission believe that the Appellants are not serious on their Appeal, even after warning the Appellants that upon their absence in the hearing, this Appeal will be decided ex-parte. However the Appellants did not appear before the Court, despite due notice being served in accordance with procedural requirements under RTI, Act, 2005.

The absence of the Appellants indicates a sense of non-seriousness and lack of respect for judicial process. As a result, the Court is left to determine the merits of the Appeal based on the submission and documentation provided by the PIO.

Order;

In view of the above facts and circumstance the Commission dismiss this Appeal ex-parte. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 6th day of March' 2025. Copy of this Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 6th day of March' 2025.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar, the .../... March, 2025.

1. PIO-Cum-DFo, Bomdila, W/Kameng District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code-790001.**
2. Shri Tania June, E-Sector, PO/PS- Naharlagun, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 8131848230**
3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC please.
4. Office Copy.

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APIC, Itanagar.

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Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar