



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

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

No. APIC-510/2023

Dated, Itanagar the 14th June, 2024.

Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Shri Mamu Sono, Sood Village ,
Naharlagun, Papum Pare District,
Arunachal Pradesh.

: Appellant

PIO - the Project Director,
DRDA, West Kameng District,
Bomdila.

: Respondent

Date of filling of RTI application	20.03.2023
PIO's response	12.04.2023, 02.05.2023, 30.05.2023
Date of filing of First Appeal	21.04.2023
First Appellate Authority's response	16.05.2023
Date of diarized receipt of Second Appeal by the Commission	23.05.2023
Date (s) of Hearing in the Commission	21.12.2023, 24.01.2024, 20.03.2024 and 10.05.2024.

ORDER

Facts:

The brief facts of the case, as reveals from the records, are that the appellant, Shri Mamu Sono, vide his application dt.20.03.2023 filed before the Public Information Officer o/o the PD, DRDA, West Kameng District, Bomdila, has sought information on 33 points (Sl. No 1 to 33) regarding the implementation of MGNREGA Projects under the DRDA, Bomdila West Kameng District. In response, the PIO (PD, DRDA), vide letter dt.12.04.2023, forwarded the RTI application of the appellant to the Block Development Officers of Dirang, Kalaktang, Nafra, Thrijino and Singchung Blocks and directed them to furnish the sought for information(s) to the appellant.

Records also reveal that the PIO (PD, DRDA, Bomdila) vide letter dt.02.05.2023 had requested the appellant, Shri Mamu Sono to deposit a sum of Rs.91,802.00 being the cost of 45903 pages of information(s) sought for by him. It, however, appears that the appellant did not deposit the aforesaid amount of cost of information but went on to file First Appeal before the Director, Rural Development Department, Govt. of A.P, Itanagar vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 21.04.2023 under section 19(1) of the RTI Act. The PIO, o/o the Director (RD) in response, requested the PIO (PD, DRDA, Bomdila) vide letter dt.16.05.2023 to furnish the sought for information to the appellant.

The available records, thus, disclose that there was genuine and visible attempt on the part of the PIO to furnish the information as sought for by the appellant but for no discernable reasons the sought for information remained unfurnished to the appellant. Hence, this second appeal before the Commission, the Second Appellate Authority under section 19(3) of the RTI Act 2005 filed on 23.05.2023.

Hearing and decision:

The appeal was heard for four times on 21.12.2023, 24.01.2024, 20.03.2024 and 10.05.2024.

In the first hearing on 21.12.23, wherein both the appellant and the representative of the PIO were present, the Commission after hearing the parties had directed the PIO to furnish the sought for information to the appellant free of cost on or before the next date of hearing.

In the second hearing on 24.01.23, after hearing the appellant and the representative of the PIO, the Commission directed the PIO to furnish to the appellant whatever information available off line and also to provide the link/ details of Website of the DRDA, Bomdila so as to enable the appellant to access the information online himself. The Commission also directed the PIO to arrange carrying out the site inspection of the projects undertaken by the department as requested by the appellant.

The 3rd hearing of the appeal was held on 20.03.24 wherein both the appellant and the representative of the PIO were present who were duly heard. The representative of the PIO submitted that as directed by the Commission the information sought for by the appellant were kept ready but the appellant did not turn up to collect the information for which the site inspection also could not be carried out. The appellant submitted that due to an accident that occurred to his vehicle, he could not visit the PIO's office as directed by the Commission. He however, assured to visit the o/o the PIO and collect the information and also carry out the site inspection by 1st week of May, 2024. The Commission considered the submission and directed the parties to carry out the site inspection and submit report to the Commission by 1st week of May, 2024 and fixed the next hearing on 10th May, 2024.

In the hearing on 10th May, 2024 (fourth hearing), the Commission, after hearing the parties, again directed to carry out the site inspection by last part of May, 2024 and submit report thereof to the Commission.

The Commission is now in receipt of letter dt. 30th May, 2024 from the PIO (PD, DRDA, Bomdila) containing therein the report of the site inspection of the projects carried out on 24th May, 2024 jointly by the appellant and the officials of DRDA and Singchung Block along with the photographs of the project sites. The PIO also forwarded a copy of letter dt. 6th May, 2024 furnishing thereunder the sought for information (s) to the Appellant, the receipt whereof has been duly acknowledged by the appellant on the body of the letter. The PIO has, hence, requested the Commission to close the case.

The Commission is also in receipt of application dt.14.06.24 from the appellant, Shri Mamu Sono stating therein that the PIO has furnished all the sought for information to him and that he is fully satisfied with the information so furnished. He also informed that he has inspected all the work/project sites in presence of all the Block Development Officers concern and other technical officials of which also he is satisfied and requested the Commission to dispose of the appeal accordingly.

The Commission considered the said letter of the PIO along with the site inspection report and also the application of the appellant and the Commission finds that since its order has been complied with by the PIO and the appellant is also fully satisfied with the information so furnished to him, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted on the appeal and accordingly, the appeal stands closed for once and for all.

Sd/-
(Sangyal Tsering Bappu)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

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Dated Itanagar, the 18 June 2024.

Copy to:

1. The PIO-cum-PD, DRDA West Kameng District, Bomdila, PIN-790001, Govt.of A.P, Itanagar PIN -791111 for information & necessary action please.
2. Shri Mamu Sono Vill-Sood, Naharlagun PO/PS- Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. PIN-791110 (Mobile No. 9436215521) Arunachal Pradesh for information & necessary action please. (Ph-8974157883)
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