



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-157/2024

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

Shri Mamu Sono

..... **Appellant**

-VERSUS-

PIO-District Panchayat Development Officer,
Seppa, East Kameng District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... **Respondent.**

Order: 28.01.2025.

JUDGEMENT

The 1st hearing held on **28th January, 2025** related to the **APIC-No-157/2024**. The Appellant Shri Mamu Sono is present. The PIO of the office of Project Director-cum-DPDO, Seppa, East Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, found absent during the hearing without intimating to the Commission, the reason for his inability to attend the hearing, which is unbecoming on the part of the PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO also has a mandatory duty to attend to statutory duties besides public duties, when an appeal is preferred against him/her.

The Commission observed:

That, this instant appeal was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority by this Commission to adjudicate this appeal as per the established procedural law under RTI, Act, 2005 and thereafter the First Appellate Authority (FAA), had ordered on 20th August 2024 to handover the information(s) to the Appellant Shri Mamu Sono, by duly attesting the sign and seal of the PIO on a covering letter certifying that all the information(s) provided are certified to be true copies.

Further the FAA stated in his order that the information(s) are running to more than 9100 (Nine Thousand One Hundred) pages so it is not possible to sign and stamp each of the pages. And therefore, the PIO was directed to furnish a letter certifying that pages they delivered to the Appellant are genuine for RTI related purposes and with that judgment the Appeal was disposed accordingly by the First Appellant Authority (FAA).

After the judgment of First Appellate Authority the Appellant has filed this Appeal to this Commission with an appeal to let PIO attest with seal and sign on every page of the information(s) that may be running to some 9000 (Nine Thousand) odd pages.

That the Commission is here to adjudicate Appeals of RTI related matters and also to see that the Applicant get the information(s) from the office of the PIO as well as, while providing information(s) in matters of public interest the PIO's office is also not hampered from discharging other public services.

And, therefore, the PIO is ordered to attach a covering letter certifying that copies of information(s) provided to the Appellant are true copies and handed over to the Appellant on or before the next date of hearing

That, this appeal is in similarity with APIC-156/2024 with the same Appellant and the same PIO with the same request for same information(s).

Therefore, as the issue remains the same, this APIC-157/2024 is clubbed with APIC-156/2024.

In view of the above facts and circumstance the Commission finds this appeal as a cause of action estoppel and thereby deem it fit to be dismissed and closed. And, therefore, this appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment/order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 28th January' 2025. Each copy of Judgment/order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission /Court on this 28th day of January' 2025.

Sd/-
(Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-157/2024/550 Dated Itanagar, the ...31... January, 2025.

Copy to:

1. PIO-Cum-O/o DPDO, Seppa E/Kameng District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code-790102.**
2. Shri Mamu Sono, Shri Tania Dongru and Shri Rabo Lachung Sood Village, Naharlagun, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 9436215521**
3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC please.
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