



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC) ITANAGAR

File No. APIC-292/2024(Appeal)

Shri Nibo Pao & Party

R/o Polo Colony Naharlahun PO:PS Naharlagun, Papumpare District A.P (M) 6909933073

Pin: 791110.

Versus

Appellant

Respondents

PIO,

o/o the Divisional Forest Officer

(DFO) Khellong Forest Division, Bhalukpong West Kameng District A.P,

Pin Code: 790114

ORDER

Date of Hearing:

23.01.2025

Date of Decision:

23.01.2025

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Dani Gamboo

Relevant facts emerging from appeal:

The following were present: -

RTI application filed on : 17.06.2024
SPIO replied on : 05.07.2024
First appeal filed on : 26.07.2024
First Appellate Authority's Order : 14.08.2024
Second Appeal filed on : 07.10.2024

Information sought: The appellant filed an RTI application dated 17.06.2024 seeking following information pertaining to the sanctionOrder vide NO.FOR.334 STATE AUTHORITY 2023/1159-1175 dated 16.03.2024.

Details of information required:

- Name and address of the contractors/Firms.
- ii) Payment details with dates of payment and money receipt of the contractors/Firms.

- iii) Bank Account Statements of DDO/DFO, Khellong against the sanction Order vides NO.FOR.334/STATE AUTHORITY/2023/1159-1175 dated 16/03/2024.
- iv) Copies of Notifications issued for Doimora RF, Papum RF, Amartala RF, and all other Reserved Forests in Khellong Forest Division with Minutes of Meeting and agreement, if any.

Period for which information is required: 2023-24

The following were present.

Appellants

: Present. The appellant states that the information furnished by the PIO is not complete.So, he has requested the PIO to furnish remaining information at serial no. (ii) Of the Form A, i.e. record of payment details.

Respondent PIO

: Absent. PIO is represented by Shri Tanga Murtem (RFO) through VC. The representative of PIO states that the information has been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 17.01.2025. And he has stated that the information sought at serial number (ii) of the RTI application i.e payment details with date of payment and money receipt of the contractors / firm is not available in the Division as the funds have been transferred to the Range Forest Officers. No evidence on record has been shown the transfer of fund to the RFOs.

On interjection the representative of the PIO has agreed to produce a copy of fund transfer letter from Division to the RFOs.

Decision:

The Commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, hearing the parties and perusal of the records observes that the PIO has not denied in clarity about non availability of information documents as sought at serial number (ii) in RTI application. Instead of complete denial he has referred the transfer of fund as civil advance to the RFOs. Therefore, the PIO is directed to furnish a copy each of the fund transfer to Range Forest Officers as Civil Advance as evidence, as stated and agreed by the representative of PIO in today's hearing, of non availability of documents in the division for the item of information sought at serial number (ii) in RTI application form within a period of two weeks from the date of issue of this order i.e on or before 06.02.2025.

Hearing adjourned. Next date of hearing shall be fixed in due course of time.

Order pronounced in the Open Court of this Commission today this 23rd day of January' 2025. Each copy of the Judgement / Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission / Court on this 23^{rd} day of January 2025.

Sd/-Dani Gamboo Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

Registrar / Dy. Registrar, APIC

Date:

Memo No. APIC-292/2024/373

Copy to:

Dated Itanagar the .Z. Jan.' 2025.

1. The Computer Programmer, APIC Itanagar with request to upload in APIC website and mail to concerned departmental email id.

2. Office copy.

Registrar / Dy. Registrar

APIC, Itanagar

Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission Itanagar.