



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC
ITANAGAR**

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

Vide Case No. APIC-734/2023

Shri Dugi Sakam -V/S- PIO-cum-BDO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

JUDGMENT/ORDER:

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 Dugi Sakam and Yukar Dugi on **08/02/2023** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-BDO, Raga, Kamle 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 **27/06/2023**. Appellants again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **10/08/2023** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the complaint registered it as **APIC- No-734/2023 (Appeal)** and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission for 2 (two) consecutive times, on **03.12.2024 & 13.02.2025**. In the final hearing of the Appeal the Appellant found absent without intimating the Commission the reasons for his inability to attend the hearing.

The PIO is represented by the APIO, Shri Aghe Milli, Extension Officer Rural Engineering (EORE), Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the APIO;

The APIO stated before the Commission that the PIO had written a letter to the Appellants on 14th day of March' 2023 to deposit an amount of Rs. 10/- per page fees for the information(s) as per prevailing market rate of 6121 pages. The same letter to the Appellants was served to the wife of the Appellant Yukar Dugi, Smti. Yukar Moina, through dasti-service but till today the Appellants have not responded to the letter of the PIO.

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Hearing:

The Appeal was heard on, 03.12.2024 and 13.02.2025 upon reviewing the submissions from both parties, this Court finds the following:

The Appellant absent for 2(Two) consecutive times despite of issuing summon notice, i.e on 03.12.2024 & 13.02.2025, 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 13th day of February' 2025. Copy of Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 13th day of February' 2025.

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

Memo.No.APIC/734/2023/1602

Dated Itanagar, the 24 February, 2025.

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- (i) The PIO-cum-BDO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
- (ii) Shri Dugi Sakam, Village Yorkum, Kamporijo Circle, Raga, District Kamle, for information and necessary action please.
- (iii) The Computer Programmer for uploaded on the Website of APIC, please.
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