



ANAGE RUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, (APIC) TANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Case No. APIC-305/2024.

Shri Gormeng Rimo (G.S, IMAC & R), Papu-II

Near Govt. Primary School Papu Vill., Naharlagun.

: APPELLANT

Vs

The PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO),

Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P)

:RESPONDENT

<u>ORDER</u>

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Gormeng Rimo for non-furnishing of information by the PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 16.08.2024. The appellant had sought for the following information: -

- (i)Particular of information: CAMPA Fund and NPV Component Avenue Plantation, Creation works.
- (ii)Details of information required:
- 1. The photo copy of advance Nursery works.
- 2. Details copy of CA works activities.
- 3. Details copy of total Plantation (building wages of compound)
- 4. Details copy of creation avenue Plantation.
- 5. Photo copy of Geotag/Note Cam photography of exact location.
- 6. Name of details of board members during tender.
- 7. Name and details of govt. approval Nursery dealer from where seading plants prosedwith voucher (bill)
- 8. Details funding allocation of maintenance, CAMPA, CA and NPV.
- 9. Details copy of Fund Utilization in each work.
- 10. Details copy of completion work.
- 11. Memorandum of payment.
- 12. Cheque Counter foil.
- 13. Cash book register.
- (iii) Period for which information asked for :- 2022-2024.

The appeal was listed for hearing today on 11/12/24 but both the parties were absent.

Records reveal that the Appellant did not receive the information sought by him from the PIO in view of which he approached the F.A.A, the C.C.F, Central Circle

Pasighat East Siang District, (A.P) vide his Memo of appeal dated 20/09/24 under section-19(1) of RTI Act,2005.

However, having failed again to receive the information(s), the Appellants preferred this Second Appeal before this Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act,2005 vide Memo of Appeal dated 25/10/24.

Record also reveals that the F.A.A did not adjudicate on this appeal as required under section-19 (1) of the RTI Act,2005.

The First Appellate Authority, following the principle of natural justice, should conduct hearing giving fair and equal opportunity to the Appellant and the PIO and thereafter must pass a reasoned and speaking order on merit within the stipulated period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the appeal.

It is to be noted that the F.A.A, while adjudication on the appeal must apply his mind into the aspects like the kind of information sought by the Appellant, whether the information sought for could be disclosed or whether the same is exempted under relevant provisions of law and then, exercise his power and functions as mandated by the Act for implementation of the RTI Act in letter and spirit in terms of the provisions of Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 instead of simply directing the PIO concerned to furnish the information(s).

In the premises as above this Commission finds the case at hand fit to be remanded to the FAA, the C.C.F, Central Circle Pasighat East Siang District for adjudication on the appeal who shall apply his mind and go into aspects like what kind of information(s) was sought by the Appellant, whether the information(s) would be provided or whether the same is hit by the provisions of Section – 8 of the RTI Act, 2005 and then pass an appropriate speaking order giving justification for his decision.

This appeal is accordingly, remanded to the F.A.A, the C.C.F, Central Circle Pasighat East Siang District for adjudication within one month from the date of receipt of this order with liberty to the Appellant to prefer second appeal before this Commission under section 19 (3) of the RTI Act if he is aggrieved with the order passed by the F.A.A for which no fee need be paid.

Sd/-

(SANGYAL TSERING BAPPU) State Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC-305/2024/ 372 Dated Itanagar, the December, 2024
Copy to:-

1. The F.A.A, CCF Central Circle Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P) for information.

2. The PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Pasighat, East Siang District (A.P) for information & necessary action please.

3. Shri Gormeng Rimo, (G.S, IMAC & R), Papu-II Near Govt. Primary School Papu Vill., Naharlagun. PIN: 791110 Mobile No. 7629828309 for information.

4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.

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