ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-204/2024 (Summon to appear in person)

(Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Bengia Tani

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ia Tani -V/S- PIO-Cum-EE, PWD, Sangram, Kurung Kumey District

To,

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Sangram, Kurung Kumey, District, A.P.

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREAS, in connection with the <u>APIC-No. 204/2024</u>, your personal appearance is required before the Commission on 21st JANUARY 2025 at 01:30 PM. The 2nd hearing held on <u>14th November, 2024</u> related to the <u>APIC No-204/2024</u>. The Appellant Shri Bengia Tani present but the PIO-cum-EE, PWD,Sangram Division, K/Kumey District, is found absent during the hearing without intimation to the Commission for his inability to attend the hearing. which is unbecoming on the part of the PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO besides public duties, also has to attend Court hearings when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI, Act,2005, which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO.

Heard the APPELLANT:

The Appellant stated that he has gone to the office of the PIO at Sangram, but the PIO was absent, met the P.A (Personal Assistant), P.A said that the PIO was absent and he may be in the makeshift office at Jullang Itanagar, the Appellant has further gone to the makeshift office, but he has not got an audience with the PIO as he was absent in the office, and requested the Commission for summoning the PIO for next hearing.

It is to put on record that;

The summon notice was sent to the PIO on 24th day of September' 2024, for his personal appearance for today's hearing, despite the order of this Court, the PIO has again absented from attending hearing without any intimation to the Commission, for the reasons of his absence in the hearing. Therefore, Commission is compelled to draw the provision of Section 25(5) of RTI Act, 2005 by which provision, the Principal Secretary of PWD, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, is hereby ordered to issue a letter to the Executive Engineer, PWD/PIO Sangram Division to ensure him to attend Court hearing in the Court of this Commission when an appeal is preferred against him by an appellant. The Principal Secretary of PWD,

Govt. of A.P. is directed to ensure the personal attendance of the PIO in this instant appeal which is fixed on 21.01.2025 at 1:30 PM. *Failing which further necessary action shall be initiated as per the provision of RTI, Act, 2005.* The copy of the action taken be made available to the Commission on or before the next date of hearing for record.

The Commission order:

- (i) To <u>summon</u> the PIO to appear in person or through online mode in the next date of hearing.
- (ii) Next date of hearing has been intimated to the Appellant. No formal notice required to be issued.

The Commission ordered;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 21st January' 2025 at 01:30 PM (A/Noon)

N.B:- To avail online hearing, please notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, download "WEBEX MEETING APP" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance may contact Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957).

It is so ordered this 14th day of November, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram) State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar.

Memo. No. APIC-204/2024 322 Dated Itanagar, the.....November, 2024 Copy to:

- Shri Bengia Tani, G-Sector, Ward No.16, House No.1559, PO/PS- Naharlagun, P/Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact no. 8732065069
- 2. Principal Secretary, PWD, Itanagar, P/Pare District Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- 3. The computer Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC, please.
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