



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR**

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI SANGYAL TSERING BAPPU, STATE  
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

No. APIC-392/2023

Dated, Itanagar the 21st August, 2024.

**Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005**

**Shri Tai Tayu, President, (SUMA)  
c/o Tamchi Sima, RTI, Chairman SUMA,  
Khola Camp, Lower Bhalukpong,  
West Kameng District (A.P)**

**: Appellant**

**PIO, o/o Secretary (Geology & Mining)  
Department of Geology & Mining, Govt. of  
( AP), Itanagar.**

**: Respondent**

**JUDGEMENT & ORDER**

Date of hearing: 22/11/23, 20/12/23, 17/01/24 and 20/03/24  
Date of Judgement and Order 22.08.2024

This is an appeal under section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by **Shri Tai Tayu, President of (SUMA), C/o Tamchi Sima, RTI, Chairman, SUMA Khola Camp, Lower Bhalukpong, PO, Bhalukpong, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh**, for non-furnishing of information(s) by **the PIO, Deptt. of Geology & Mining, Govt. Of (AP), Itanagar**, as sought for by the Appellant under section 6(1) in Form-A of RTI Act, 2005.

**Facts of the case:** The Appellant herein had requested the PIO, Department of Geology & Mining, Govt. Of (AP), Itanagar, vide his application dated 08/12/22 in Form-A for supply of the following information(s) as hight-lighted in para 3 (1) to (7) of Form-A as under:

1. The copy of Notification/Order of STATUS CHANGE of Dolomite Mineral from Major Mineral to Minor Mineral.
2. The GUIDELINES for governing/issuing prospecting Licence and Mining Lease.
3. The copy of PROSPECTING REPORT prepared by the DDG, Operational Unit, NE Region, Itanagar regarding quality deposition of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District over an area of 1.9 sq. Km. ( BLOCK-A: 0.96 Sq. Km). ( BLOCK-B: 0.48 Sq. Km). and (BLOCK-C: 0.42 Sq. Km).
4. The copy of PROSPECTING REPORT prepared by the O/o Director, Geology & Mining, Govt. of (A.P), Itanagar regarding deposition of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
5. The copies of Correspondence Letters received from Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur and Director General, Geology Survey of India, Kolkata in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza area of West Kameng District.
6. The copy of ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIAR) for the aforesaid project assessed by O/o PCCF, Deptt. Environment & Forest, Govt of (A.P), in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
7. The copy of FOREST CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE issued for the Mining Project Forest, in respect of Survey /Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District
8. The Status of Mining Project Site that the site is COMMUNITY FOREST OR FOREST LAND in respect of Project of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.



9. The Numbers and details of company/companies/firms applied for Prospecting Licence in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
10. The name of the company/firm to whom the Prospecting Licence has been awarded/granted in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
11. The copy of PROSPECTING LICENCE awarded to the company/firm in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
12. The ENTIRE FILE NOTING/ NOTE SHEET AND FILE NO in respecting of awarding/issuing of Prospecting Licence in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
13. The ENTIRE CORRESPONDANCE in between Secretary, Geology & Mining, Govt. of (A.P), Deputy Commissioner, West Kameng District Bomdila Govt. of (A.P), ADC Singchung, West Kameng District, Singchung Govt. of (A.P), AMDO, Geology & Mining, Singchung West Kameng District (A.P) and company (to whom Prospecting Licence awarded/issued).
14. The GEO-COORDINATES OF PROSPECTING LICENCE in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
15. The copy of order/direction issued to ADC/AMDO of the area authorizing GRANT OF SURVEY, DRILLING AND SAMPLING PERMISSION to the Company availed Prospecting Licence in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
16. The copy of PROSPECTING REPORT PREPARED BY THE COMPANY to whom the Prospecting Licence was awarded/issued in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
17. The MINING PLAN of the project issued in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
18. The name of other Minerals deposited other than Dolomite going to be Mining from Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
19. The copy of Notification of AUCTION NOTICE of the project regarding Auction order/direction in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
20. The name of LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWSPAPER along with date of publication of newspaper copy in respect of Auction Notice in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
21. The details of value of Dolomite deposition (in Indian Rupee) respect of deposition of Dolomite Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
22. The details of expected AMOUNT (in Indian Rupee) received by Govt. of (A.P) as Royalty and at what rate.
23. The information(s) that TOATAL NUMBERS OF BIDDERS PARTICIPATED in the Auction in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
24. The details of company/companies and companies profile participated in the Auction of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
25. The company details/profile of M/s Metis Steel Pvt.Ltd. Kolkata to whom the MINING LEASE has been granted in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
26. The copy of MINING LEASE AGREEMENT in between Company i.e M/s Metis Steel Pvt.Ltd. Kolkata (to whom Mining Licence has been granted) and Secretary, Geology & Mining in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
27. The copy of Lease granted to M/s Metis Steel Pvt.Ltd. Kolkata order in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.



- 28.The details of PERFORMANCE SECURITY amount deposited by the Company i.e M/s Metis Steel Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata and mode of payment for Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 29.The ENTIRE FILE NOTING/NOTE SHEET AND FILE NO ce in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 30.The ENTIRE CORRESPONDANCE in between Secretary, Geology & Mining, Govt. of (A.P), Director, Geology & Mining Govt. of (A.P), Deputy Commissioner, West Kameng District Bomdila, ADC Singchung, West Kameng District (A.P), AMDO,Geology& Mining, Singchung and company (to whom Mining Licence has been allotted) by post/Email/Whatsapp) in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 31.The GEO-COORDINATES OF MINING LEASE in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 32.The copy of LPC of the project site of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 33.The copy of order/direction issued to ADC/AMDO of the area concern authorizing GRANT OF DRILLING AND MINING PERMISSION to the Company in respect of Survey/Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 34.The copy of Mining Lease Deed Agreement executed in between M/s Metis Tasso AlloyesPvt.Ltd. Kolkata and the Secretary (Geology & Mining), Govt. of (A.P).
- 35.The Company details/profile of M/s Tasso AlloyesPvt.Ltd. Kolkata with whom the MINING LEASE has been executed in respect of Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 36.The information(s)/document, when Mining Lease granted to M/s Metis Steel Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata for Mining of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 37.The information(s) as to whether both M/s Metis Steel Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Tasso AlloyesPvt. Ltd. Kolkata belongs to same owner.
- 38.The copies of Lease Agreement in between Villagers and company (to whom the Mining Lease has been allotted) i.e M/s Metis Steel Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata and/or M/s Metis Tasso AlloyesPvt. Ltd.
- 39.The SKETCH MAP of the project site Glossy Photo paper in respect of deposition of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District.
- 40.The SKETCH MAP SEPARATELY-SEPARATELY for (BLOCK-A: 0.96 Sq.Km), (BLOCK-B: 0.48 Sq.Km) and (BLOCK-C: 0.42 Sq. Km) in respect deposition of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District..
- 41.The information that the Auction of Dolomite Mineral at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District has been executed separately or Auction has been executed by clubbing the three block i.e (BLOCK-A:0.96 Sq. Km),(BLOCK-B:0.48 Sq.Km) and (BLOCK-C:0.42 Sq.Km)
- 42.The list of other Mines allotted to M/s Metis Steel Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata and/or M/s Tasso AlloyesPvt. Ltd. In entire Arunachal Pradesh.
- 43.When aforementioned Dolomite Mineral Mine at Rupa-Dedza Area of West Kameng District over an area of 1.9 Sq. Km.(BLOCK-A:0.96 Sq. Km), (BLOCK-B:0.48 Sq. Km) and (BLOCK-C:0.42 Sq. Km) has been granted as per letter no.DGM/ML/DOL-R/MSPL/468/2019/304-09, DARED: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 to M/s Metis Steel Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata“Furnish the reason for executing lease deed with M/s Tasso AlloyesPvt. Ltd on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **DECISION**

The case was heard for four times i.e on 22/11/23, 20/12/23,17/01/24 and 20/03/24.

In the 1st, 2nd and 3rd hearings either the PIO or the Appellant remained absent. However, in the 3rd hearing both the parties were present and the PIO was directed to furnish the information(s) supported by an affidavit sworn by the PIO declaring that the information(s) being furnished are true and as per the record.

During the 4th hearing on 20/03/24 wherein the Learned Counsel for the Appellant Shri Ravi Shanker was present, the PIO provided the left-out information(s) in Pen Drive along with the affidavit as assured by the PIO in the 3rd hearing on 17/01/24.

The said left-out information(s) along with affidavit dated 6/02/24 declared and sworn by the PIO to the effect that statements made in the accompanying RTI information(s) sought by the Appellant are true to the best of his knowledge and believe and as per the available office record was communicated to the Appellant with direction to go through the same and inform the Commission of his satisfaction or otherwise for further proceedings in the case.

The Appellant has since intimated this Commission over mobile phone on 20.08.2024 that he is satisfied with the information(s) and the affidavit furnished by the PIO.

The case, therefore, stands disposed of and closed for once and for all.

Sd/-

**(Sangyal Tsering Bappu)**  
**State Information Commissioner,**  
**APIC Itanagar,**  
Dated Itanagar, the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

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Copy to:

1. The PIO, Department of Geology & Mining, PIN -791111 Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for information.
2. Shri Tai Tayu, President, PIN-790114 (SUMA), c/o Tamchi Sima (RTI Chairman) SUMA, Kholo Camp, Lower Bhalukpong, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh for information.
3. The Computer Programmer for uploading on the Website of APIC please.
4. Office copy.

**Registrar/Dy. Registrar,**  
**APIC, Itanagar.**  
**Deputy Registrar**  
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission  
Itanagar