

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, (APIC) ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An apple case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

<u>Vide Case No.APIC-95/2024</u> BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE INFORMATION

COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

Shri Gollo Hari

..... Appellant.

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-DDSE, DPO, ISSE Samagra Shiksha, Itanagar, P/Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh

...... Respondent.

Judgment/Order: 07.05.2024.

JUDGMENT/ORDER

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellant Shri Gollo Hari on 10.11.2023 filed an RTI application in Form-'A' before the PIO-Cum- DDSE, DPO, ISSE, Samagra Shiksha Itanagar, Govt. of A.P. whereby, seeking various information, as quoted in Form-A application. The Appellant, being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO, filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 12.12.2023 Appellant, again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 30.01.2024 and the Registry of the Commission (APIC), having receipt of the Complaint, registered it as APIC No. 95/2024 and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission for four times i.e on 21.03.2024, 04.04.2024, 23.04.2024 & 07.05.2024, wherein the PIO was absent without any reason assigned or intimation to the Commission for four consecutive times which directly or indirectly is deemed a denial of information to the Appellant. In this hearing of the appeal on 7th day of May,2024. The representative of the PIO Shri Tadar Tachung, Block Education officer and the Appellant Shri Gollo Hari present during the hearing.

Heard both the parties.

The PIO reported to the Commission that he has brought the information of serial no. 3 & 5 as directed by the Commission in the last hearing. Accordingly, the Appellant has received the said information and after going through the information the Appellant requested the Commission for disposal & closure of his appeal on satisfactorily receipt of all the information sought from the PIO.

In the mean time, the Appellant has also requested the Commission for compensation for his monetary losses incurred in the, to and fro journey and lodging, which the Appellant incurred due to the PIO's repeated absence from the hearings and so, the Commission deem it fit to **invoke Section 20 (1)** and **Section 7 (1)** and ordered the PIO to pay an amount of Rs. **6,000/-(rupees six thousand only)** as penalty-cum-compensation to the Appellant for his monetary losses incurred in attending the hearings.

On the above facts & circumstances, the Commission directed the PIO to compensate the above said amount to the Appellant immediately and intimate the Commission of action taken and hence, this appeal is closed/ disposed off as requested by the Appellant.

Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 7th day of May, 2024. Copy of Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 7th day of May, 2024.

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

Memo.No.APIC-95/2024/1498 Copy to: Dated Itanagar, the May,2024.

- 1. PIO-Cum-DDSE, DPO, ISSE Samagra Shiksha, Itanagar, Capital Region, P/Pare District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code**-791111.
- 2. Shri Gollo Hari, Tarajuli near Railway Station, Naharlagun, P/pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 7898749561.**
- 3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC please.
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