

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide Case No.APIC-425/2024

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

-VERSUS-

PIO- Divisional Forest Officer, Van Vihar, Chimpu, Itanagar, Papum Pare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 12.08.2025.

JUDGEMENT

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 Nabam Tai on 12/8/2024, filed an RTI application under Form-'A' before the PIO-Cum- DFO Van Vihar Chimpu Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh 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 on 22/10/2024, the Appellant, again having not received the required information(s) from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 13/12/2024 and the Registry of the Commission (APIC), having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC No 425//2024 and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on dated 13/03/2025 & 12/8/2025.

Details of information sought by the Appellants.

- 1. FIRE WATCHER (Rs. 4.20 lakhs)
- i) Name of Fire Watcher engage during the year with full address and photographs.
- ii) UC and progress report with physical achievement in the field with geographical and location.
- 2. FOREST PROTECTION (Rs. 5.00 lakhs)
- i) List of person engaged for protection duty with name and address.
- ii) Physical achievement in the field with photograph and location, where protection work was carried out.
- 3. MAINTENANCE OF ASSETS (Rs. 10.00 lakhs)
- i) List of the Assets maintenance with photograph and location with UC.
- ii) Copy of NIT/Work Order to the firm to maintenance of the assets

Period for which required: - 2024

The Commission observes that;

In the final hearing today on 12th day of August 2025, the Appellant and the PIO both found absent during the hearing. It is to be noted that in the 1st hearing held on 13/3/2025 the representative of the PIO stated before the Commission that the PIO has given all the information(s) to the Appellant and receipt of the information(s) also has been obtained from the Appellant on 3/2/2025.

The Appellant absent consecutively for the 2nd time as he was also absent in the 1st hearing held on 13/3/2025, though summon to the Appellant to be present on the next date of hearing that is today had been sent to the Appellant on 13/3/2025 with warning that, in his failure to attend the next hearing, this appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte.

After going through the statement of the representative of the PIO in the last hearing held on 13/3/2025 it is accepted by the Commission that the information has been provided to the Appellant and that is the reason why the Appellant has not turned up for the 1st hearing as well as today also, in the 2nd hearing.

While the Appellant was sent notice for the first hearing of 13/3/2025, on 23/12/2024 and notice for the 2nd hearing was ordered on 13/3/2025 for today. Despite repeated notice sent to the Appellant the absence of the Appellant to attend the hearings amply proves that he is not serious in his appeal and he has received the information(s) on 3/2/2025 relying on the statement of the representative of the PIO, on 13/3/2025. Under the above circumstance the Commission hereby deems it fit to dismiss this Appeal forthwith.

In view of the above facts and circumstances the Commission, find this appeal fit to be dismissed and closed. And, accordingly, this appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 12th day of August 2025. Copy of Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 12th day of August' 2025.

> (Vijay Taram) State Information Commissioner APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-425/A/202

Dated Itanagar, the

Copy to:

- 1. PIO-Cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Silviculture, Chimpu, Itanagar, P/Pare District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. Pin Code-791111.
- 2. Shri Nabam Tai, NERIST, PO/PS-Nirjuli, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. Contact No. 8798128194
- 3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC please. 4. Office Copy.

PIC, Itanagar. Deputy Registrar

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