

# ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, (APIC)

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide Case No.APIC-104/2024 BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE INFORMATION

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

Shri Riya Taram, Shri Lokam Tadam & Shri Tab Sajan

..... Appellant.

#### -VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-EE, Department of Power, Yingkiong Division, U/Siang District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

#### Order: 02.07.2024.

### <u>Order</u>

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 Appellants Shri Riya Taram, Shri Takam Sakap & Shri Tap Sajan on  $\underline{03/10/2023}$  filed an RTI application under Form-'A' before the PIO-Cum- EE (Power) Department of Power, Yingkiong Division, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh whereby, seeking various information, as quoted in their Form-A application. The Appellants, being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO, filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on  $\underline{25/11/2024}$  the Appellants, again having not received the required information despite the order of the FAA, to provide the information to the Appellants, they filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on  $\underline{14/2/2024}$  and the Registry of the Commission (APIC), having receipt of the appeal, registered it as APIC No. 104/2024 and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission thrice i.e on 23.04.2024, 21.05.2024 & 02.07.2024. Both the Appellants and the PIO were absent in the previous two hearings without intimation: in written or even verbal, to the Commission. In this third hearing;

The PIO heard through online mode during the hearing but the Appellants are absent during the hearing consecutively for three times without intimation to the Commission the reason for their inability to attend the hearing.

Heard the PIO

The PIO stated before the Court and clarified the reason why he failed to attend previous two hearings i.e. on 23.04.2024 & 21.05.2024.

And the PIO also stated to the Court that, on dated **19.09.2023**, he had written a letter to the Appellants that, the information which sought by them in their form 'A' application are very voluminous to furnish, however, the PIO had requested the Appellants to visit the office of the PIO, where they can see the documents, but till date the Appellants failed to turn up.

Upon the statement of the PIO, this Court is convinced by the reasons explained by the PIO for absence during the hearing and by going through the previous orders passed by this Court in last two previous hearings, the Court observed;

- (i) That, the Appellants are not interested in their appeal or not willing for continuing their appeal further, because despite this Court's repeated orders issued to the Appellants to appear before the Commission in person or through online mode, failing which their appeal shall be decided ex-parte, the Appellants repeatedly absented in the hearings, consecutively for three times.
- (ii) Moreover, the Appellants failed to comply the orders of the PIO' as well.

Therefore, in view of the above facts and circumstances, the Commission is firm on the findings that the Appellants are no more interested in their appeal as they have always failed to comply the orders of this Court and absented for the hearings for three consecutive times. Therefore, this Court, find this appeal fit to be disposed off and closed, with liberty given to the Appellants to file a fresh RTI application, if they need to for the same information.

Hence, this appeal stands disposed off and closed once for all.

Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024. Each copy of Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024.

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

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- PIO-Cum-EE, Department of Power, Yingkiong Divison, U/Siang District Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. Pin Code-7921002.
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