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ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)  
ITANAGAR

(Before the Hon'ble Information Commissioner Mr Dani Gamboo)

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

APIC-No.780/2023(Appeal)

Shri Nabam Sonu  
C/o Smti Teli Lina near Govt.  
Middle School Lekhi, Naharlagun  
Papumpare District A.P Pin: 791110.  
(M) 9402627443

Appellant

Versus

1. PIO cum EE  
PHE & WS Basar Division  
Leparada District AP  
Pin: 791101.

Respondents

2. The FAA cum CE  
PHE & WS E/Z  
Namsai / Itanagar AP.  
Pin: 7911111

Date 24.06.2024

JUDGEMENT / ORDER

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of the Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the appellant Shri Nabam Sonu on 24.02.2023 filed an RTI application in Form-A to the PIO cum EE PHE & WS Basar Division Leparada District AP, whereby, seeking various information as quoted in Form-A application.

Appellant being not received information from the PIO, filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority cum CE PHE & WS E/Z, Namsai / Itanagar AP on 12.04.2023.

Appellant again having not received the required information and decision from FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 21.08.2023. The appellant has not attached any order of decision or response from the FAA.

The Registry of the Commission (APIC), on receipt of the appeal, registered it as APIC-No.780/2023 (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, this matter came up for hearing before the Commission Court today on 24.06.2024. Notice of hearing dated 28.05.2024 were served to FAA, PIO and the Appellant.

In this hearing of the appeal on 21.06.2024 the respondents PIO cum EE PHE & WS Basar Division Leparada did not appear. However, the PIO is represented by Shri Toko Tagi (JE) APIO. The appellant Shri Nabam Sonu appear. The FAA cum CE PHE & WS (EZ) Namsai / Itanagar did not appear. He has made a written submission stating that no such appeal has been received from the applicant and sought exemption from his personal appearance.

Heard the parties present.

The PIO's representative states that information documents are ready which was intimated to applicant in writing dated 12.4.2023 through postal dak in his given address in the application form-A. The appellant denies of having received such intimation letter and till date he has not got any information from the PIO.

On perusal of the case file, it is observed that there is no action on record taken by the FAA on the first appeal filed by the appellant. Acknowledgement of receipt of first appeal is given by the PIO Design & Planning, PHE and Water Supply Department, Itanagar.

*As laid down at para-38 of the Guidelines for the FAA issued by the GoI and the State Govt. OM No. AR-111/2008 Dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2008,.. adjudication on the appeals under RTI Act is a quasi-judicial function. It is, therefore, necessary that the Appellate Authority should see to it that the justice is not only done but it should also appear to have been done. In order to do so, the order passed by the appellate authority should be a speaking order giving justification for the decision arrived at.*

The commission observes that under section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, for the principle of natural justice, it is mandatory for the FAA to summon the appellant and PIO, give fair opportunity of being heard and pass speaking order on merit. Since, it is not done, the case is pre-mature to be considered as an appeal under section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Therefore, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and CE PHE & WS (EZ) Namsai / Itanagar, following the principle of natural justice, shall conduct hearing giving fair and equal opportunity to both the appellant and the PIO and thereafter pass

reasoned and speaking order on merit within three weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Hence, this appeal is remanded to the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

In view of the above facts and circumstances I find this appeal is fit to be disposed of and closed at commission with liberty to the appellant to file appeal afresh if aggrieved by the decision of the FAA. And, accordingly, this appeal stands disposed of and closed once for all.

Judgement / Order pronounced in the Open Court of this Commission today this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024. Each copy of the Judgement / Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission / Court on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June' 2024.

Sd/-  
(Dani Gamboo)  
State Information Commissioner  
APIC, Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar the 24<sup>th</sup> June' 2024.

1. The FAA cum CE PHE & WS (EZ) Namsai / Itanagar AP. 791111
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