

## ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC

## **ITANAGAR**

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-93/2024

(Summon to appear in person) (Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Tania June -V/S-

PIO-Cum-O/o Under Secretary, RWD, Civil Secretariat Office, Itanagar, Papum Pare District.

## **ORDER**

The 4<sup>th</sup> hearing held on 24<sup>th</sup> September,2024 related to the APIC No-93/2024. The Appellant Shri Tania June found absent in 3 hearings including today, and the PIO found absent consecutively for 4 times i.e. on 21.03.2024, 23.04.2024, 14.05.2024 and 24.09.2024 without intimating to the Commission the reason for their inability to attend the hearing, which is unbecoming on the part of the PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO besides public duties, also has to attend Court hearings when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI, Act,2005, which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO. And the appellant absenting in the hearing without intimation to the Commission, of his inability to attend the hearing makes the Commission deem that the Appellant is not serious on his appeal.

Viewing seriously on the absence of both the parties: the Commission ordered;

- (i) The Secretary, RWD, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the PIO, the Under Secretary, RWD, Civil Secretariat Office, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, as per the provisions of Section 25 (5) of RTI Act: For the disrespect and contempt of the orders of the State Information Commission, which is established by a Statute passed by the parliament of India.
- (ii) The Secretary, RWD, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to ensure the attendance of the said PIO in the next date of hearing, which is fixed on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at 10:30AM.
- (iii) The PIO to provide all the information(s) to the Appellant on or before next date of hearing.
- (iv) To <u>summon</u> the Appellant to appear in person or through online mode before the Commission on the next date of hearing. Failing which his appeal shall be decided as exparte.
- (v) To send a copy of this order to the Secretary, RWD, Govt. of A.P for compliance.The Court ordered;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 14th November, 2024 at 10:30 AM (Morning)

N.B:- To avail online hearing, please notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing. Download "WEBEX MEETING APP" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance: may contact Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 831.9014957).

It is so ordered this 24th day of September, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

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

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The Secretary RWD, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, A.P. Civil Secretariat, Itanagar for information and necessary action please.

The Deputy Commissioner, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Capital Complex P/Pare PIN-791111 to ensure attendance of the PIO-cum-O/o the Under Secretary, RWD, Civil Secretariat, Itanagar, Govt. of A.P. Papum Pare District, before the Hon'ble Court of State Information Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar.

3. PIO-cum-O/o the Under Secretary, RWD, Civil Secretariat, Itanagar, Govt. of A.P. Papum Pare District for information and necessary action please. PIN- 791111.

4. Shri Tania June, E-Sector, Naharlagun, PO/PS-Naharlagun District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact No-8131848230

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