



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC
ITANAGAR**

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005.
Vide Case No. APIC-1090/2023

(Summon to appear in person)

(Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Smt. Nabam Sono -V/S- PIO-Cum-Director, Dept. of Environment & Project Co-Ordinator,
Itanagar, P/Pare District, A.P.

To,

The Director,
Department of Environment and Project Co-Ordinator, Itanagar,
Papum Pare District A.P.
Pincode: 791111

SUMMON

WHEREAS, in connection with the **APIC-No. 1090/2023**, your personal appearance is required before the Commission on **19th August, 2025 at 02:30 PM**. The **1st** hearing held on **8th May, 2025**. The Appellant Shri Nabam Sonu is present. The PIO-cum-Director, Department of Environment and Project Co-ordinator, Itanagar, Papumpare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, found absent during the hearing without intimation to the Commission for his 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.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant stated before the Commission that:

1. Upon non hearing of the First Appeal by the First Appellate Authority (FAA)-cum-Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Environment and Climate Change the Appellant made an appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) for Second Appeal.
2. The APIC heard the Second Appeal and passed an order to Remand Back the Appeal to the FAA on 10.10.2024.
3. Despite the order of the Information Commission in this instant Appeal the FAA-cum-CCF, Environment and Climate Change, Itanagar, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh did not conduct the hearing within the stipulated time and that compelled the Appellant to re-appeal to the APIC to decide the case and hence this hearing today.

After hearing the Appellant the Commission hereby observes;

- (i) The First Appellate Authority (FAA) has not conducted a fair hearing to decide the First Appeal within the stipulated time as given under RTI, Act, 2005.
- (ii) The FAA-cum-CCF should have conducted fair hearing between both the parties and should have given out a speaking order whether to provide to or not provide the information(s) to the Appellant.

Therefore, the Commission hereby orders;

- (i) To send summons to the PIO-cum-Director, Department of Environment and Project Co-ordinator, govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, to attend the next hearing without fail in person or through online mode, failing which necessary action will be initiated as per the provisions of RTI, Act, 2005.
- (ii) Notice for the next date of hearing need not be served to the Appellant, as he is present during the hearing before the Commission.

The next date of hearing be fixed on 19th August, 2025' at 2:3

N.B:- To avail online hearing please, notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, by downloading "WEBEX MEETING APP" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance may contact **Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957).**

It is so ordered this 08th day of April, 2025 at 03:30 PM.

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

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Dated Itanagar, the 14th May, 2025

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