

HAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC

ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-205/2024

Shri Nabam Tai -V/S- PIO-cum-Member Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh Bamboo Resource Development Agency, Chimpu, Itanagar, Govt. of A.P.

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To,

The Secretary/PCCF Department of Forest & Environment Itanagar, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

## Summon Notice:-

WHEREAS, the  $3^{rd}$  hearing held on  $2\underline{1}^{ST}$  January ,2025 related to the <u>APIC No-205/2024</u>. The Appellant Shri Nabam Tai and PIO both found absent. The PIO is absent consecutively for two times without intimating to the Commission the reason 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.

During the last hearing, the Appellant stated before the Commission that till date no any information(s) has been received from the PIO, even after the order of the Commission on dated 24 Sept 2024 to the PIO, to provide the information (s) to the Appellant.

Due to absence of both parties, the Commission could not proceed the hearing of the appeal .

In the last hearing of 14<sup>th</sup> Nov '2024, under the provisions of section 25(5) of RTI Act 2025, the Secretary/PCCF, Department of Forest and Environment, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, was ordered to initiate disciplinary action and to ensure the attendance of the PIO in the instant appeal, without fail on, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Further, the Secretary /PCCF Department of Forest & Environment was ordered to send a copy of the action taken, to this Commission for record, but the Secretary /PCCF, Department of Forest & Environment has not complied with the order of the Court of this Commission, which is deemed a contempt of this court.

The Commission observed;

(i) That during last hearing the Commission issue<u>d warning summon</u> to the PIO to appear in person or through online mode before the Commission in the next date of hearing, which is today the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

(ii) That PIO was ordered to furnish all the information(s) to the Appellant as applied in his form 'A' application on or before next date of hearing. Failing which necessary action shall be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act,2005.But, it is presumed that the PIO has not complied with the order.

(iii) That this Commission sent a letter to the Secretary /PCCF Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, ordering for disciplinary action to be taken against the PIO, and to secure the attendance of the PIO on the next date of hearing i.e on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 1.30PM. And to intimate this Commission about the action taken by serving a copy of the same to this Commission.

## And therefore, the Commission ordered;

To issue bailable arrest warrant to the PIO directing the officer in-charge of Itanagar Police (i) Station , Papum-pare District, to arrest and produce the PIO at the Court of the State Information Commission on the next date of hearing i.e on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025.10:30 A, without fail.

To issue a summon notice to the Secretary/PCCF Department of Forest & Environment, Govt. (ii) of Arunachal Pradesh, to be present in person or through a representative capable of answering on this issue in the court of this Commission, along with the copy of the action taken for the order dated 14<sup>th</sup> Nov'2025, on the next of date of hearing i.e 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10:30 AM, without fail.

Send notice to Appellant to attend the hearing on next date fix for hearing, failing which this (iii)

instant appeal shall be decided ex-parte.

## The Commission ordered;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10.30 AM.

N.B:- To avail online hearing please at least 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 21st day of January 2025 at 10.30 AM.

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

Memo.No. APIC-205/2024/463

2 cm Dated Itanagar, the 29.....December' 2024.

Copy to:

- The PIO-cum-Member Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh Bamboo Resource Development Agency, (i) Chimpu, Itanagar, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
- Shri Nabam Tai, NERIST, PO/PS-Nirjuli, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information (ii) and necessary action please.
- The computer programmer for uploaded on the Website of APIC, please. (iii)
- The Office copy. (iv)

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