



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF MAJOR GENERAL JARKEN GAMLIN, AVSM, SM,
VSM (RETD), STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

No.APIC-396/2024

Dated, Itanagar the 6th May, 2025

Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Ms Reema Jebisow, C/o Advocate Ajay Rgisow, District & Sessions Court Bomdila, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790001, (M) 8729926908 / 7627930248.

Vs

Respondent: Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh. PIN-790001.

ORDER

1). This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Ms Reema Jebisow, C/o Advocate Ajay Rgisow, District & Sessions Court Bomdila, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information by the PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 13/08/2024 regarding **details of CAMPA project sanctioned at Bihu Pam village sought segment, Buragaon (2023-24).**

2). **The re-scheduled 2nd hearing was held on 6th May' 2025.** Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh was represented by Shri Gollo Nera, LDC-cum-i/c APIO. The Appellant Ms Reema Jebisow appeared before the court through Video Conferencing.

3). The representative of the PIO submitted that information as sought for by the Appellant in her Form-A application has been furnished to the Appellant.

4). The Appellant submitted that the information furnished are incomplete and unsatisfactory.

5). The Commission observed that on the last hearing held on **11th February, 2025** Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh was directed to appear in person before the Commission's court, not through any representative and was also directed to **SHOW CAUSE as to why penalty under section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, should not be imposed on him** for non-compliance of the Commission's directions.

6). The PIO had replied to the Show Cause vide letter No. BD/11/RTI/2018/63 Dated Bomdila the 22nd Feb, 2025 but did not appear before the Court in person and also has not furnished complete information to the Appellant. The willful absence, violation of provisions of the RTI Act and non-compliance of directions of the Commission has been viewed as breach of fundamental right of a citizen and contempt of court. The Commission hereby impose a **penalty of Rs. 25, 000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only against Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh** for gross violation of the provisions of RTI Act 2005. The PIO is directed to deposit the said penalty amount in favour of the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar through Treasury Challan in the Head of

Account "0070-Other Administrative Charge". The penalty amount has to be deposited before 30th May, 2025 and the proof of depositing the amount through treasury challan along with all the information as sought for by the Appellant has to be produced on the next date of hearing, failing which additional action shall be initiated under Section 20(2) of the Act i.e. recommendation for disciplinary action and arrest warrant under 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act to compel the attendance in person before the court. The Appellant is also directed to be present in the next date of hearing, failing which the case would be disposed of without any further notice.

6). The next date of hearing is fixed on 3rd June, 2025 (Tuesday) at 1100hrs.

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

[Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)],
State Chief Information Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

Memo No. APIC-396/2024

Dated, Itanagar the 9 May, 2025

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1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Western Arunachal Circle, Banderdewa, Papum Pare District Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791123, to ensure attendance of Shri Obang Tayeng, the PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court of State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar in person.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790001 to ensure attendance of Shri Obang Tayeng, the PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court of State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar in person.
3. Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh. PIN-790001, for compliance.
4. Ms Reema Jebisow, C/o Advocate Ajay Rigisow, District & Sessions Court Bomdila, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790001, for compliance.
5. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website & send mail to all the parties.
6. Case file.

Registrar/ Dy. Registrar

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