

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No. APIC-12/2024

Dated Itanagar, the March,2025

(Under Section 20 (1) RTI Act, 2005) (Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

<u>Appellant</u>: Shri Bini Toluk

-VS-

<u>Respondent</u>: PIO-cum-EE(PWD), Raga Div. Kamle District.

ORDER.

The 7th hearing was held on 3rd February, 2025 related to the APIC No-12/2024(Appeal). Appellant Shri Bini Toluk present in the hearing but the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (PWD), Raga Division found absent without any intimation to the Commission.

As per the case record, it is seen that Show Cause Notice was issued against the PIO on 4th hearing i.e. 18/11/2024. On the 5th hearing dated 9th December, 2024, Last Warning Show Cause was issued against the PIO but he failed to comply the order of the Commission.

After going through all the case record, it is seen the PIO is consecutively absent for 5 (five) hearings 28/10/2024, 18/11/2024, 0/12/2024, 03/02/2025 and 17/03/2025 inspite of giving repeated summons, two times Show Cause Notice and penalty imposed.

By seeing the reluctant attitude of the PIO and not complying the order of the Commission, the Commission invoked the Sub-Section (1) of the Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 and imposed penalty of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only against the PIO for violation of Sub-Section (1) of Section-7 of the RTI Act, 2005 on the last hearing dated 17/03/2025. PIO was directed to deposit the penalty amount into **Head of Account "0070"** address to the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission, Itanagar and submit a copy of the Treasury Challan to the Commission. But again he failed to comply the orders of the Direction of the Commission.

So, last chance is given to the PIO to pay penalty amount of RS. 25,000/-(Rupees twenty five thousand) only imposed against the PIO and also to pay compensation amount of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only to the appellant on or before next date of hearing i.e., on 21/04/2025 at 1030 hours and submit the treasury challan.

It seems that the PIO also harassed mentally & physically to the appellant by not cooperating him and refuse to furnish the information till 6^{th} hearing. So the PIO is also directed to compensate the appellant a sum of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only for the monetary losses incurred during to & fro journey expense etc.

If the PIO fails to comply this order of the Commission the provision for disciplinary action under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be recommended under the Service rules applicable to him. The PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission in the next hearing and provide the information if not exempted under RTI Act.

The Commission fixed next date of hearing on 21/04/2025 at 1030 hours.

Sd/-(Khopey Thaley) State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar. Dated Itanagar, the..1.8....March, 2025.

Memo. No. APIC-12/2024 333 Copy to:

- 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Raga, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh for kind information and necessary action please.
- 2. The FAA-cum-Superintendent Engineer (PWD), Yachuli Civil Circle, Yachuli for kind information and necessary action.
- 3. The PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (PWD), Raga Division, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Pin Code:- 791120
- 4. Shri Bini Toluk, Village Rigyu, Circle Dollungmukh, PO, Kolaptukar, Ps, Dollungmukh, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. **Contact No. 9383033845**
- 5. The Computer Programmer/Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC and mail.
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