



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**ITANAGAR.**

**Complaint Case U/S 18 (1) of RTI Act, 2005**

**Case No. APIC- 15/2024.**

**(Summon to appear in person)**

**(Or.5, R.3 of CPC)**

**APPELLANT** : Shri Tania June & Shri Issac Ejing, E-Sector, Naharlagun,  
Arunachal Pradesh.

**RESPONDENT** : The PIO, o/o E.E (PHE & WS), Yingkiong Division,  
Upper Siang District (A.P).

**ORDER/SUMMONS**

This is a Complaint under Section 18(1) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tania June & Shri Issac Ejing for denial of information by the PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer, PHED, Yingkiong Division, Upper Siang District as sought for by them under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide their application dated 05.11.2024.

**A) Particular of information:** Improvement of Water Suplysystem in Katan Circle  
in Upper Siang District.

**B) Details of information required:**

- 1.NIT copies;
- 2.Photograph and Geo Tagg copies;
- 3.First and final bill copies;
- 4.Trading Licence Proprietor details name list copies;
- 5.DBT and PFMS xerox copy details name list copies;
- 6.Site inspection report copies;
- 7.Utilization Certificate copies;
- 8.Total payment list copy till date;
- 9.DPR copies;
- 10.Work order copies;
- 11.GST and return fill copies;
- 12.Money receipt copy and cheque receipt copies;
- 13.EE/AE/JE details name list copies;
- 14.Work progress report copies;
- 15.Cheque receipt xerox copies;
- 16.Contractor PAN Card/ Aadhar Card xerox copies;
- 17.Sanction order copies;
- 18.Firm work express certificate copies;
- 19.Request for site visit;
- 20.Guideline copies;

- 21. Advertisement and local newspaper copy;
  - 22. Technical bid and price bid copies;
  - 23. NIT Participate details copies and
  - 24. Firm registration Certificate copies.
- C) Period from which information asked for: 2021-2023

**Brief facts:**

The brief facts emerging from the complaint disclose that the applicants/complainants herein had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information but the PIO, vide his letter dt.03.12.2024, had denied the same on the ground that *the application fee is not in the form of treasury challan and also that as per the direction of this Commission, the applicants/complainants should seek specific information of one work for one financial year.*

The response of the PIO as above, it transpires, had prompted the applicants/complainants to file this complaint against the PIO under section 18 of the RTI Act.

**Hearing and decision:**

This case was, accordingly, registered as Complaint Case No. **APIC- 15/2024** and was listed for hearing for 2(two) times on 21.03.2025 and on 11.04.2025. But none of the parties appeared on 21.03.2025. However, on 11.04.2025, one of the applicants/complainants namely, Shri Issac Ezing appeared through VC but the PIO was again absent.

This Commission, after hearing Shri Izing who reiterated his demand for the sought for information and also pleaded for penal action against the PIO under the relevant provisions of the RTI Act for violation of the provisions of the Act and taking serious view of the absence of the PIO for the second consecutive hearing, had to warn the PIO that if he fails to appear in the next hearing, necessary action under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 shall be initiated against him for being disrespectful to this Commission and its order.

This complaint was, thus, listed again today on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 wherein the complainant, Shri Tania June and Er. Shri Tumba Ingo, Asstt. Egr., representing the PIO are present in person.

Since the case in hand is a complaint case under section 18 of the RTI Act, this Commission explained to the complainant that the implication of the provisions of the two sections viz, section 18 and section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005 are substantially different from each other providing for two different remedies in that under section 18 the Commission has no power to order for disclosure of information but only to impose penalty prescribed under section 20 of the Act while section 19 provides for remedy for access to the information. The complainant was asked as to whether he wish to proceed with the complaint under section 18 or as an appeal under section 19 for obtaining the information sought by him. The complainant replied that since his primary intention is to obtain the information, he wish to have his grievance redressed as an appeal under section 19 and not as complaint under section 18(1) of the RTI Act.



This complaint was, accordingly, converted to appeal under section 19(3) of the RTI Act and heard the parties.

The PIO submitted that due to acute shortage of staff in the o/o the PIO and the voluminous nature of information/documents requested by the complainants/appellants, the PIO could not furnish the requested information. On the other hand, the complainant/appellant submitted that the sought for information is specific and for one scheme only which the PIO can arrange to furnish without any difficulty.

This Commission, upon perusal of the details of information/documents requested by the complainants/appellants which do not appear to be that voluminous, directs the PIO to provide the same within 30 days from today or on or before 13.06.2025 i.e the next date of hearing of this appeal.

List the appeal on 13.06.2025.

**Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.**

You are hereby summoned to appear in person or online in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu, SIC in person on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 (Friday) at 2 pm to answer the claims, and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your claims/defense.

**NOW THEREFORE**, take notice that, in default of your appearance, on the day above- mentioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)

State Information Commissioner,

APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC-15/2024

Dated Itanagar, the 15 May, 2025

Copy to:

1. The Chief Engineer (PHE and WS), Central Zone, Govt. of A.P, Itanagar, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance of this order by the PIO concerned.
2. The PIO, o/o The Executive Engineer (PHE & WS), Yingkiong Division, Upper Siang District, (A.P) for information and compliance.
3. Shri Tania June & Issac Ejing, E-Sector, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh, 791110 Mobile No. 8131848230 for information.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
5. Office copy.
6. S/Copy.

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Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission  
Itanagar