

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

INFORMBEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No. APIC-773/2023

Dated Itanagar, theAug, 2024

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

Appellant: Shri Tamchi Gungte

-VS-

Respondent:

PIO-cum- BDO, CD Block Chetan Upper Subansiri District.

ORDER.

The 6th hearing was held on 31st July, 2024 related to the APIC No-773/2023 (Appeal). The appellant present during the hearing, but the PIO found absent without any intimation to the Commission.

During the hearing the appellant intimated to the Commission that till date PIO has not provided any information.

As per order dated 09/10/2023, the Commission issued Summon Notice to the PIO to appear before the Commission in the next date of hearing on 29/11/2023.

Due to noncompliance of the direction the Commission, the PIO was issued Show Cause Notice as to why not impose the Sub-section-1 of the Section-20 against the PIO for the gross violation of the Sub-Section-1 of the Section-7 of the RTI Act, 2005 and the PIO was directed to reply of the notice immediately and appear before the Commission in the next date of hearing, but he again failed to comply the direction of the Commission.

In two consecutive hearing on 22/01/2023 and 10/04/20234 Last warning summon notice were issued to the PIO to be present in person before the Commission and also to furnish all the documents/information sought by the appellant to him. But PIO again failed to comply the direction of the Commission.

After going through all the records/documents of the case file, the Commission viewed seriously on the absence of the PIO for 6(six) times on dated 09/10/2023, 29/11/2023, 22/01/2024, 10/04/2024, 12/06/2024 & 31/07/2024 his reluctant attitude to furnish the information as sought by the appellant.

On the above fact & circumstance, 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. The PIO is directed to submit the copy of penalty deposit Treasury Challan to the Commission.

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It seems that the PIO also harassed mentally & physically to the appellant by not cooperating him and refuse to furnish the information till 10^{th} hearing

So, the PIO is also directed to compensate the appellant a sum of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only for the monetary loses incurred during to & fro journey expenses etc.

The PIO is also directed to furnish all the information to the appellant on or before next date of hearing.

Next date of hearing intimated to the appellant, no formal notice required to be issued.

Commission fixed next date of hearing fixed on 04/9/2024 at 2 PM.

(Khopey Thaley)
State Information Commissioner
APIC, Itanagar.
Dated Itanagar, the.....Aug, 2024.

Memo. No. APIC-773/2023 / // 6 Copy to:

 The Deputy Commissioner, Upper Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh for kind information and necessary action please.

2. The PIO-cum-Block Development Officer, CD Block, Chetan, Upper Subansiri, District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Pin Code:-

 Shri Tamchi Gungte, Chimpu, near KV2 School, Itanagar, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact No. 9233567279

4 The Computer Programmer/Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC and mail.

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State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar.

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