

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-156/2024 (Summon to appear in person)

(Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Mamu Sono -V/S- PIO-Cum-Project Director, DPDO, Seppa, E/Kameng District.

To,

The Project Director, DPDO, Seppa, East Kameng, District, A.P.

SUMMON

WHEREAS, in connection with the <u>APIC-No. 156/2024</u>, your personal appearance is required before the Commission on 1st April, 2025 at 02:30 PM. The 1st hearing held on <u>28th January, 2025</u> related to the <u>APIC-No-156/2024</u>. The Appellant Shri Mamu Sono is present. The PIO of the office of Project Director-cum-DPDO, Seppa, East Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, found absent during the hearing 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 also has a mandatory duty to attend to statutory duties besides public duties, when an appeal is preferred against him/her.

The Commission observed:

This instant appeal was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority by this Commission to adjudicate this appeal as per the established procedural law under RTI, Act, 2005 and thereafter the First Appellate Authority (FAA), had ordered on 20th August 2024 to handover the information(s) to the Appellant Shri Mamu Sono, by duly attesting the sign and seal of the PIO on a covering letter certifying that all the information(s) provided are certified to be true copies.

Further the FAA stated in his order that the information(s) are running to more then 9100 (Nine Thousand One Hundred) pages so it is not possible to sign and stamp each of the pages. And therefore, the PIO was directed to furnish a letter certifying that pages they delivered to the Appellant are genuine for RTI related purposes and with that judgment the Appeal was disposed accordingly by the First Appellant Authority (FAA).

After the judgment of First Appellate Authority the Appellant has come to this Commission with an appeal to let PIO attest with seal and sign on every page of the information(s) that may be running to some 9000 (Nine Thousand) odd pages.

That the Commission is here to adjudicate Appeals of RTI related matters and also to see that the Applicant get the information(s) from the office of the PIO as well as, while providing information(s) in matters of public interest the PIO's office is also not hampered from discharging other public services.

And, therefore, the PIO is ordered to attach a covering letter certifying that copies of information(s) provided to the Appellant are certified true copies and handed over to the Appellant on or before the next date of hearing.

The Commission ordered:

- The PIO to provide covering letter certifying the copies of the information(s) to be true (i) copies along with the information(s) sought to the Appellant on or before the next date of hearing.
- The Appellant to collect information(s) from the office of the PIO and to intimate the (ii) Commission about complete receipt of the information(s) on or before the next date of hearing.
- Notice for the next date of hearing need not be issued to the Appellant as he is present (iii) during the hearing.
- Summon notice be issued to the PIO to be present personally or through online mode on (iv) the next date of hearing, failing which necessary action will be initiated as per the provisions of RTI, Act, 2005.

The Commission ordered:

The next date of hearing be fixed on 1st April' 2025 at 2:30 PM (A/Noon) Evening.

N.B:- To avail online hearing, please 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. 8319014957).

It is so ordered this 28th day of January, 2025 at 03:30 PM.

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

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Dated Itanagar, the.. L. January, 2025

Copy to:

- 1. Shri Mamu Sono, Sood Village, Naharlagun, P/Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact no. 9436215521
- 2. The computer Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC, please.
 3. Office Copy.

Registrar/Dy. Registrar APIC Itanagar

Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission Itanagar.