

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-150/2024 (Summon to appear in person) (Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Pisa Tapam -V/S- PIO-Cum-DLRSO, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District.

To,

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The Director Land Management, Itanagar, Papum Pare, District, A.P.

SUMMON

WHEREAS, in connection with the <u>APIC-No. 150/2024</u>, your personal appearance is required before the Commission on 20th March 2025 at 10:30 AM. The 4th hearing held on 21ST January, 2025. The Appellant Shri Pisa Tapam present during the hearing but the PIO found absent consecutively for four times ie. on 14th May 2024, 24th Sept'2024, 14th Nov'2024 & 21st January 2025, 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 besides public duties, also has to attend Court hearings when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI, Act, 2005, which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO.

During the last hearing, the Appellant stated before the Commission that till date no any information(s) has been received from the PIO, even after the order of the Commission on dated 24th Sept' 2024 & 14th Nov' 2024 to the PIO, to provide the information (s) to the Appellant.

Due to absence of PIO, the Commission could not proceed on with the hearing of the appeal.

In the last hearing of 14th Nov '2024, under the provisions of section 25(5) of RTI Act 2025, the Director Land Management (LM), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, was ordered to initiate disciplinary action and to ensure the attendance of the PIO who is the District Land Revenue Settlement officer (DLRSO) of Kurung Kumey District in the instant appeal, without fail on, 21st January 2025. Further, the Director Land Management (LM) was ordered to send a copy of the action taken, to this Commission for record, but the Director Land Management (LM) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar has not complied with the order of the Court of this Commission, which is deemed a contempt of this court.

The Commission observed;

- (i) That during last hearing the Commission issue<u>d warning summon</u> to the PIO to appear in person or through online mode before the Commission in the next date of hearing, which is today the 21st January 2025.
- (ii) That PIO was ordered to furnish all the information(s) to the Appellant as applied in his form 'A' application on or before next date of hearing. Failing which necessary action shall be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. But, it is presumed that the PIO has not complied with the order.

(iii) That this Commission sent a letter to the Director Land Management (LM) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar on 14th November 2024, ordering for disciplinary action to be taken against the PIO, and to secure the attendance of the PIO on the next date of hearing i.e on 21st January 2025 at 1.30PM. And to intimate this Commission about the action taken by serving a copy of the same to this Commission.

And therefore, the Commission ordered;

- (i) To issue <u>bailable arrest warrant</u> to the PIO directing the officer in-charge of Koloriang Police Station, Kurung Kumey District, to arrest and produce the PIO at the Court of the State Information Commission on the next date of hearing i.e on 20th March 2025. 10:30AM, without fail.
- (ii) To issue a summon notice to the Director Land Management (LM), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar, to be present in person or through a representative capable of answering on this issue in the court of this Commission, along with the copy of the action taken for the order dated 14th Nov'2025, on the next of date of hearing i.e 20th March 2025 at 10:30 AM, without fail.
- (ii) To send hearing notice to Appellant to attend the hearing on next date fixed for hearing, failing which this instant appeal shall be decided ex-parte.

The Commission ordered;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 20th March 2025 at 10.30 AM.

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 21st day of January, 2025 at 12:30 PM.

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

Memo. No. APIC-150/2024/U59 Dated Itanagar, the......January, 2025 Copy to:

- Shri Pisa Tapam, Sate Village, PO-Sarli, PS-Koloriang, K/Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact no. 8413931088/9436089425
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