

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC

ITANAGAR

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-58/2025

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(Summon to appear in person) (Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Riya Taram -V/S- PIO-Cum-DFO, Khellong, W/Kameng District.

ORDER

The 1st hearing held on 6th May, 2025' related to the APIC No-58/2025. The Appellant Shri Riya Taram is present. The PIO-cum DFO, Khellong Forest Division, West Kameng District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is represented by Shri Tanga Murtem, Range Forest Officer (RFO) through online mode during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the Appellant;

The Appellant stated before the Commission that on non receipt of the information(s) from the office of the PIO he has preferred the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA)-cum-Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Western Arunachal Circle Banderdewa on 27.11.2024 through post. Inspite of the receipt of the appeal the FAA did not take up hearing within stipulated time as provided under the provisions of RTI, Act, 2005. Therefore, the Appellant preferred second appeal before this Information Commission. Furthermore the Appellant stated that he has not been furnished any information(s) from the office of the PIO, till date.

Heard the representative of the PIO;

The representative of the PIO stated before the Commission that a letter had been written to the Appellant on 19.10.2024 stating that the information(s) sought are for the entire financial year and not specific, as there are six Forest Range that come under the jurisdiction of the PIO. Also a letter has been written to the First Appellant Authority (FAA) on 01.11.2024 that the information(s) sought are very voluminous and so, the information(s) cannot be provided to the Appellant within the stipulated time.

After hearing both the parties and going through the Form-A application of the Appellant: the Commission observed and suggested the Appellant to shorten the number of information(s) and to specify the information(s) required, so that the PIO be able to provide the information(s) to the Appellant in time.

And therefore, the Commission hereby orders;

- The PIO to provide the information(s) pertaining to the Serial Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, (i) 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 22 of the list of information(s) applied in Form-A. The information(s) pertaining to Serial Nos. 3, 10, 12, 14 and 16 are exempted to be provided to the Appellant.
- The PIO to provide the information(s) on or before the next date of hearing. (ii)
- (iii) Notice for the next date of hearing need not be served to both the parties, as they are present during the hearing before the Commission.

The next date of hearing be fixed on 31st July, 2025' at 10:30 AM (Morning).

N.B:- To avail online hearing please at least 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 6th day of May, 2025 at 04:30 PM.

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

Copy to:

1. The PIO-Cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Khellong, W/Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Pincode- 790114

2. Shri Riya Taram, Shri Bengia Tahar & Shri Lokam Namdu, Riang Store Jollang near Catholic Church, Itanagar, P/Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact No-9383103387/ 9402443699

3. The computer Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC, please.

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