



RUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF MAJOR GENERAL JARKEN GAMLIN, AVSM, SM, VSM (RETD), STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No.APIC-396/2024

Dated, Itanagar the 11th February, 2025

Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Ms Reema Jebisow, C/o Advocate Ajay Rigisow, District & Sessions Court Bomdila, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790001, (M) 8729926908 / 7627930248.

Vs

Respondent: Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh. PIN-790001.

<u>ORDER</u>

1). This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Ms Reema Jebisow, C/o Advocate Ajay Rigisow, District & Sessions Court Bomdila, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information by the PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 13/08/2024 regarding details of CAMPA project sanctioned at Bihu Pam village sought segment, Buragaon (2023-24).

2). The 1st hearing was held on 11th February, 2025 as scheduled. Shri Obang Tayeng, PIOcum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh was represented by Shri Kali Pada, RFO through audio due to video conference link failure. The Appellant Ms Reema Jebisow was represented by Adv. Ajay Rigoso through Video Conferencing.

3). The representative of the Appellant informed the Commission that the PIO had not furnished detail of information as sought at Form-A.

4). Shri Kali Pada, RFO representing the PIO submitted that the new incumbent DFO was engaged in other official duty so could not attend the hearing.

5). The Commission made it amply clear that the PIO was summoned in person, not through any representative. Dereliction of the statutory duty and noncompliance of the Commission's summon notice by the PIO has tantamount to contempt of the curt and viewed very seriously. Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh is hereby directed to SHOW CAUSE as to why penalty under subsection (1) of section (20) of the RTI Act, 2005, should not be imposed on him. The reply should be submitted to the Commission within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. 6). 1 th the parties are directed to appear before the Commission's court on the next date of hearing without fail. If the PIO is found absent the Commission will initiate penal action as per provisions of the RTI Act-2005, and under subsection (2) of Section (20) of the RTI Act would recommend disciplinary action under the service rule as applicable. In case Appellant is found absent the case shall be disposed of without any further notice.

7). The next date of hearing is fixed on 8th April, 2025 (Tuesday) at 1100hrs.

N.B: - PIO and Appellant can also avail online mode of hearing by downloading "Webex App" from Google Play store. May contact IT consultant, Shri Himanshu Verma at Mob:-8319014957 for further technical assistance at least one day prior to date of hearing.

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

[Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)], State Chief Information Commissioner Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

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Dated, Itanagar the 14 February, 2025

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- 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790001 to ensure attendance of the PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court of State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.
- 2. Shri Obang Tayeng, PIO-cum-DFO, Forest Department, Bomdila, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh. PIN-790001, for compliance.
- 3. Ms Reema Jebisow, C/o Advocate Ajay Rigisow, District & Sessions Court Bomdila, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790001, for compliance.
- 4. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website& send mail to all the parties.
 - 5. Case file.

Registrar/ Dy. Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission Itanagar Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission Itanagar.