ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC ITANAGAR

NFORMATION BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No. APIC-554/2023

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Dated Itanagar, theNov, 2024

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

<u>Appellant</u>: Shri Lokam Namdu

-VS-

<u>Respondent</u>: PIO-cum- EE (PHE & WS) Sangram, Kurung Kumey Dist.

ORDER.

<u>The 9th hearing was held on 18th November, 2024</u> related to the APIC No-554/2023 (Appeal). Appellant Shri Lokam Namdu present during the hearing but the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (PHE & WS) Sangram found absent without any intimation to the Commission.

During the hearing the appellant intimated to the Commission PIO has not provide any information.

As per order dated 03/04/2024 during the 3rd hearing, the Commission issued Last Warning Summon Notice to the PIO to appear before the Commission in the next date of hearing on 12/06/2023.

Due to not comply the direction of 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.

After going through all the records/documents of the case file, the Commission viewed seriously on the repeated absence of the PIO for 9 (nine) times on dated 16/10/2023, 04/12/2023, 22/01/2024, 03/04/2024, 12/06/2024, 31/07/2024, 04/09/2024, 09/10/2024 & 18/11/2024 and his reluctant attitude to furnish the information as sought by the appellant inspite of giving information/notice well in advance.

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 10th 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.

Next date of hearing fixed on 09/12/2024 at 1030 hours.

- Memo. No. APIC-554/2023 20 Dated Itanagar Copy to: 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Kurung Kumey Di
 - 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Kurung Kumey District for kind information and necessary action please.
 - The PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (PHE & WS), Sangram Division. Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Pin Code:- 791118.
 - Shri Lokam Namdu, Kankar Nakkah, Naharlagun Papum Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. Contact No. 9362166831
 - 4. The Computer Programmer/Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC and mail.
 - 5. Office Copy.

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