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**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

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

No.APIC-261/2024

Dated, Itanagar the 21st March, 2025

Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Shri Tashi Tsering, S/O Lt. Genden Tsering, resident of Lebrang Village, Tawang, PO, PS and District Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790104, (M) 8011140303.

Vs

Respondent: The Public Information Officer, Govt. of A.P., Department of PHED, Tawang Division, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790104.

ORDER

- 1). This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Shri Tashi Tsering, S/O Lt. Genden Tsering, resident of Lebrang Village, Tawang, PO, PS and District Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information by the Public Information Officer, Govt. of A.P., Department of PHED, Tawang Division, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 30/04/2024 regarding payments made through cash and cheque for amount of more than Rs. 50, 000/- to firms / individuals.
- 2). The 1st hearing was held on 18th February, 2025. The Public Information Officer, Govt. of A.P., Department of PHED, Tawang Division, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh was represented by Shri Doge Kamduk, APIO-cum-AE(PHE & WS) Tawang Division. The Appellant was present in person.
- 3). The Commission, after scrutiny of Form-A dated 30th April 2024 and hearing the submission of both the parties, had observed that the information sought for was not specific. The Appellant was asked to seek specific information or accept the information furnished by the PIO in parts. The Commission had directed the PIO to furnish as much information possible within the given time frame and continue to provide information in parts / batches. Therefore, the PIO was directed to keep the first set of information prepared by 7th March, 2025. The Appellant was directed to visit the office of the PIO on 7th March, 2025 (Friday) at 1100hrs to collect the information and intimate the Commission within 10 days after collecting the information for disposal of the case or for fixing the next date of hearing.
- 4). The Appellant vide letter No. NIL Dated 18th March, 2025 informed the Commission that he had called telephonically to the APIO for the collection of the information as per direction of the Commission, but the APIO had asked the Appellant to visit office on Monday, 10th March, 2025. Accordingly, the Appellant had sent his cousin with authorization on 10th March, 2025 to collect information. On visit the APIO had informed him that the PIO was out of station, so information could not be provided. Therefore, the Appellant appealed the Commission to initiate legal action against the respondent for the contempt of court.

5). To afford an opportunity to hear both the parties the Commission decides to fix a date of hearing.

6). The next date of hearing is fixed on 29th April, 2025 (Tuesday) at 1100hrs.

7). **Therefore**, the Public Information Officer, Govt. of A.P., Department of PHED, Tawang Division, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, is hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person on the scheduled date and time without fail.

8). Take notice that in case of default appearing on the day of hearing mentioned above, the appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte and Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 shall be invoked if the PIO remains absent, and the case would be disposed of if the Appellant fails to appear during the 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

Memo No. APIC-261/2024/193

Dated, Itanagar the 24 March, 2025

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1. The FAA-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Govt. of A.P., Tawang, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN- 790104 to ensure attendance of the Public Information Officer, Govt. of A.P., Department of PHED, Tawang Division, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court of State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.
2. Public Information Officer, Govt. of A.P., Department of PHED, Tawang Division, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790104.
3. Shri Tashi Tsering, S/O Lt. Genden Tsering, resident of Lebrang Village, Tawang, PO, PS and District Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-790104, (M) 8011140303.
4. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website & send mail to all the parties.
5. Case file.

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