



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC  
ITANAGAR**

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005.  
Vide Case No. APIC-1002/2023

Shri Palen Laa -V/S- PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of A.P.

**-ORDER-**

WHEREAS, the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing held on **19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024** related to the **APIC-No-1002/2023**. The Appellant Shri Palen Laa is absent. The PIO-cum-District Horticulture Officer (DHO), Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, is found absent for two consecutive hearings, without any intimation 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 hearing when an appeal is preferred against him as the provisions of the RTI, Act, 2005, which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO.

The Appellant stated during the last hearing that no information(s) has been provided to him by the PIO till date.

The Commission observed:

Despite orders from the Commission to attend the hearing of this appeal, on 07.11.2024, and 19.12.2024 the PIO is absent for two consecutive times which is contempt of the order of this Court.

The Commission ordered:

(i) The Secretary, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to initiate disciplinary action against the PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, as per the Service Rule applicable to the PIO. The copy/report of the disciplinary action initiated against the PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of A.P, be intimated/sent to this Commission, failing which necessary action shall be initiated against the Secretary, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of A.P, as per the provision of Section 25(5) of RTI, Act, 2005.

(ii) Summon notice be issued to the PIO to appear in person or through online mode before the Commission in the next date of hearing.

(iii) Notice be issued to the Appellant to appear in person or through online mode in the next hearing of the appeal.

(iv) This notice be issued to the Secretary, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar, for compliance.

**The Commission ordered;**

**The next date of hearing be fixed on 6<sup>th</sup> March' 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. 831.9014957).

**It is so ordered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December' 2024 at 2:30 PM.**

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

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- (i) The Secretary, Department of Horticulture, Civil Secretariat, Block No. 4, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room No. 7, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for compliance of the order.
- (ii) The PIO-cum-DHO, Raga, District Kamle, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
- (iii) Shri Palen Laa, near Sonam Nursery, Jollang, PO/PS-Itanagar, P/Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
- (iv) The Computer Programmer for uploading on the Website of APIC, please.
- (v) Office copy.

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APIC, Itanagar.

Deputy Registrar  
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission  
Itanagar