





ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

#### BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI RINCHEN DORJEE, STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No.APIC-54/2024

Dated, Itanagar the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024

#### Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Adv. Mamu Sono, Shri Deni Yangfo, and Shri Rabo Lochung, Sood Village, PO/PS-Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791110, (M) 9436215521.

Vs

# **Respondent:** The Public Information Officer (PIO), Govt. of A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer (DPDO), Tezu, Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-792001.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

1). This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Shri Mamu Sono, Sood Village, PO/PS-Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information by the Public Information Officer (PIO), Govt. of A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer (DPDO), Tezu, Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 14/11/2023 regarding the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission in the year 2018-19 and 2019-20.

2). The 1<sup>st</sup> hearing is held today on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2024 as scheduled. The Public Information Officer (PIO), Govt. of A.P., O/o the District Panchayat Development Officer (DPDO), Tezu, Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh, appeared before the Commission's court through Video Conferencing (Hybrid mode of hearing). The Appellant Shri Mamu Sono is present in the court room.

3). The PIO has submitted that in compliance with the direction of the First Appellate Authority (FAA) made on  $4^{\text{th}}$  January , 2024 , the information were prepared and all the information has been furnished to the Appellant through postal service on 19/01/2024. On the other hand the Appellant could not confirm whether he has received the information. The Appellant appealed the Commission to give time to check and confirm.

4). The Commission cautioned the Appellant to be very serious and come prepared before coming to the court. The irresponsible attitude of the information seekers hampers the larger public interest activities; such should not be repeated in future. The Appellant is directed to verify the information and intimate to the Commission within twenty days from the date of issue of this order. The court is adjourned for the next date of hearing.

5). Both 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 may initiate penal action as per provision under section 20(1) of the RTI Act-2005 and in case Appellant is found absent the case shall be disposed of without any further notice, presuming that the Appellant is satisfied with the information so furnished.

## The next date of hearing shall be fixed and intimated in due course of time.

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

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July,2024

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