



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.**

NO. APIC-681/2023

Dated Itanagar, the 10th June, 2024

To,

The Director (IPR)
Department of Information & Public Relation
Govt. of A.P.
Naharlagun.

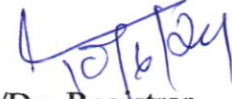
Sub: - Press release on RTI matter and penalty thereof.

Sir,

Enclosed please find herewith a Press communique for release in all local leading Newspaper of the State from your kind end.

You are requested to take necessary action suitably.

Yours faithfully



Registrar/Dy. Registrar
APIC, Itanagar.

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1. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to send via emails and upload in APIC Website.
2. Case file.


Registrar/Dy. Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
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PRESS RELEASE

The Commission viewed seriously the continuous absence of a responsible public authority from performing his statutory duties on priority. It is observed that the PIO has never appeared before the Commission's court in person. On the 1st hearing held on 31st October, 2023 the PIO remained absent without any intimation to the Commission; On the 2nd hearing held on 16th January, 2024 the PIO was represented by Shri J.P. Pandey, JE(PWD) Yingkiong Division; on the 3rd hearing the PIO was represented by Shri Rajendran K.N. Jr. Estimator; on the 4th hearing, the PIO was absent and no one represented him; and on the 5th hearing, neither the PIO appeared nor he has submitted reply to the SHOW CAUSE NOTICE issued against him on the 4th hearing. It shows that the PIO is willfully avoiding the hearing and not performing the statutory duty diligently. It is disrespect to the Law made by the Parliament of the country and making mockery of the Commission as well as the law of the land.

In view of the facts and circumstance as above *the Commission hereby impose penalty of Rs. 15, 000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand) only against Er. Aken Jongkey, the PIO-cum-EE(PWD), Govt. of A.P. o/o Public Work Department (PWD), Yingkiong Division, Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh for the gross violation of the provisions of the RTI Act 2005. The PIO is directed to deposit the said penalty amount in favour of the Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar through Treasury Challan in the Head of Account "0070-Other Administrative Charge".*

*The penalty amount has to be deposited before 30th June, 2024 and has to produce the proof of depositing the amount through treasury challan along with the **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**, and with the remaining information if any before or on the next date of hearing, failing which additional action shall be initiated under Section 20(2) of the Act i.e. recommendation for disciplinary action.*

The Commission to hear from the PIO directs him to appear before the Commission's court in persons on the next date of hearing fixed on 30th July, 2024 at 1030hrs (Tuesday). In case the PIO fails to appear the Commission shall be compelled to invoke disciplinary action under section 20(2) of the RTI Act and recommend competent authority to take disciplinary action against the PIO under the service rules as applicable.


Registrar/ Dy. Registrar
APIC, Itanagar.

Deputy Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar