



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION

ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI SANGYAL TSERING BAPPU,
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER.

No.APIC-431/2024

Dated, Itanagar the 25th August, 2025

Shri Pisa Tapam, Dokum Colony, Vs. Er. Shri Nangram Logu, APO, o/o PD,
Naharlagun (A.P) (RD), Kurung Kumey District,
Koloriang.

ORDER

{ Section 19(8)(b) & (c) r/w section 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005}

WHEREAS Shri Pisa Tapam, Dokum Colony, Naharlagun, the appellant in APIC Case No. APIC-431/2024 had filed application dt. 22.08.2024 before the PIO, o/o the PD (RD), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, requesting for 11(eleven) point information regarding 2(two) schemes namely,

- a) PMKSY -WDC 2.0 IV/2021-22 at Rengchi (1000), Pakba(500) and Rite(500) villages under Koloriang;
- b) PMKSY -WDC 2.0 IV/2021-22 at Nyobiaring at Chello, Dunting at Nangram, Ampornge & Hurh at Yapak and Maba at Tayeng village under Koloriang during the period 2021-22;

2. *AND WHEREAS* Shri Pisa Tapam failed to obtain the requested information which prompted him to appeal before the Deputy Commissioner, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh as the First Appellate Authority (F.A.A) under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act vide his Appeal Memo dated 04.10.2024. But he did not receive any response from the PIO or the FAA which prompted him to file his 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide Memo of Appeal dt.10.12.2025;

3. *AND WHEREAS* the appeal was, accordingly, listed for 5 (five) times on 04.04.2025, 23.04.25, 21.05.25, 06.06.2025 and 11.07.2025.

4. *AND WHEREAS* Er. Shri Nangram Logu, APO, the PIO did not appear in any of the hearing dates despite summons without any intimation except for the hearing on 21.05.2025 when he informed during the hearing that due to his pre-occupation in an enquiry being conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau (formerly SIC) in a 15th Finance Commission Fund related case he will not be able to attend the hearing. The PIO, however, submitted then that the requested documents/information shall be provided to the appellant by 30th May, 2025.

5. *AND WHEREAS* in the hearing fixed on two subsequent dates i.e on 06.06.2026 and 11.07.2025 also the PIO did not appear.

6. *AND WHEREAS* the appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam informed in the hearing on 11.07.2025 that the PIO, despite his assurance given on 21.05.2025, did not furnish the requested information and also informed that he tried to contact the PIO over phone multiple times but the PIO never picked up the call.

7. *AND WHEREAS* this Commission has taken a very serious view of PIO's absence in the hearings which amounted to his blatant and willful disrespect to this Commission and the RTI regime attracting the penal provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act 2005. And as such notice dated 14.07.2025 was issued to the PIO under section 19(8)(b) and (c) to show cause as to why action should not be taken against him as provided under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 for violation of the provisions of section 7 (1) of the RTI Act and showing willful disrespect to this Commission and he was directed to appear in person before this Commission on **21.07.2025** at 10.30 am along with the documents / information sought by the appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam and also to explain the reasons for his absence from the hearings.

8. *AND WHEREAS* instead of showing any cause, leave alone making personal appearance, the PIO posted following message to this Commission through whatsapp on 17.07.2025:

"due to unavoidable circumstances could able to attend the meeting. thank you and please excuse".

9. *AND WHEREAS* the whatsapp message was followed by copy of circular dt.18.07.2025 issued by the PD (RD), Kurung Kumey calling for a pre-bid meeting on e-tendering relating to non-wages component of MGNREA-2025-26.

10. *AND WHEREAS* such a casual response of the PIO amounted to blatant disrespect to the RTI regime and to this Commission and in view thereof this Commission found this case a fit case attracting the penalty prescribed under section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for violation of section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and also reasonable compensation to the appellant for suffering harassment. The PIO, Er. Nangram Logu APO, o/o the PD (RD), Kloloring, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh was, accordingly, imposed a penalty of Rs. 25,000.00 (Twenty five thousand) vide order dt. 21.07.2025 and also compensation amount of Rs.10,000.00 (Ten thousand) to be paid to the appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam, within 2(two) weeks from the date of receipt of the order. The PIO was also directed to furnish the requested documents/information to the appellant failing which, it was made clear that, he shall be liable to further action under section 20(2) of the RTI Act. The Show Cause Notice dt.14.07.2025 was, thus, disposed of.

11. *AND WHEREAS* in compliance with the order of this Commission the PIO, Er. Nangram Logu, APO had deposited the penalty amount of Rs.25,000.00 vide Treasury Challan No.GRN AR009787661202526P dt.05.08.2025, a copy whereof has been received by this Commission on 05.05.2025. However, this Commission notices that the PIO did not pay the compensation of Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees ten thousand) to the appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam till writing of this order today.

12. *AND WHEREAS* the appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam, vide his letter dt.20.08.2025, has now complained that the PIO, Er. Nangram Logu, APO neither paid the compensation amount of Rs.10,000.00 nor the requested information/documents.

13. *AND WHEREAS* this Commission also noticed that even after the lapse of more than 2(two) weeks from the stipulated dateline (05.08.2025), the PIO neither paid the compensation amount of Rs.10,000.00 nor furnished the requested information/documents to the appellant, thus, violating this Commission's order dt.21.07.2025 and thereby making out a case where this Commission is constrained to invoke the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005, which is reproduced hereunder:

"20(2) Where the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Information Officer or the State Information Officer, as the case, may be, has, without any reasonable cause and persistently, failed to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section(1) of section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, it shall recommend for disciplinary action against the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, under the service rule applicable to him"

14. *NOW THEREFORE*, this Commission recommends for disciplinary action against Er. Shri Nangram Logu, APO, the PIO, o/o PD (RD), Kurung Kumey District, Koloring, Arunachal Pradesh under the relevant Service Rules applicable to him. The competent authority is directed to initiate and take necessary action against Er. Shri Nangram Logu within 45 (forty five) days from the date of receipt of this order and the action taken report thereon shall be intimated to this Commission.

The case is disposed of in above terms with liberty to both the parties to prefer appeal, if so desire / advised, in terms of section 23 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 22nd August, 2025.

Sd/
(S. TSERING BAPPU)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 431/2024

Dated Itanagar, the 22nd August, 2025

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4. The Deputy Commissioner, Kurung Kumey District, Koloriang for information.
5. The Project Director (RD), Kurung Kumey District, Koloriang for information.
6. Shri Pisa Tapam, Dokum Colony, Naharlagun for information.
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