





ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Case No. APIC-280/2025.

APPELLANT

: Shri Ratan Chetia, Sitpani Moran, Namsai.

RESPONDENT

: The PIO, o/o the E.E (E), Deomali Electrical Division,

Tirap District (A.P)

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Ratan Chetia for non-furnishing of 15(fifteen) point information on (i)Extensions and improvement of HT & LT network I/C augmentation of DTs and High Mass Tower Street Lights under DED (ii) Reconductoring of 33KV & 11 KV lines with sized conductor including replacement of rusted poles and X-arms passing through the Forest reserve area under DED and (iii) Construction of 11 KV line from Namsang to Longkhong to re-align Makat-Longkhong feeder by avoiding dense forest cover and river crossing under 54-Namsang, Tirap District during 2023-24 by the PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (E), Deomali Electrical Division, Tirap District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 22.11.2024.

Hearing and decision:

This appeal was heard on 23.07.2025 wherein the appellant appeared through VC but the PIO did not appear.

This Commission, upon hearing the appellant who had filed 4(four) different RTI applications on different dates before the same public authority of which he had received the replies against one of them, noticed that the PIO is required to furnish the replies/documents against remaining three applications including the one in the instant appeal in APC- No. 280/2025. The Commission also noticed that the information sought by the appellant were such that the collation and collection of those information /documents would definitely require considerable amount of time and manpower. In that view of the matter this Commission, relying on the provisions of sub-section (9) of section 7 of the RTI Act, 2005 had directed the appellant to allow sufficient time to the PIO to furnish the requested information and in so far as the replies/information in respect of the instant appeal is concerned, the PIO was directed to furnish within one month from the date of receipt of this Commission's order dt.24.07.2025 and the intimate the compliance report thereof on 27.08.2025 the next date of hearing.

The appeal is, thus, listed for 2nd time today on 27.08.2025 wherein both the PIO, Er. Shri Bangyang, E.E (E) and the appellant, Shri Ratan Chetia appeared through VC.

Heard the parties.

The appellant complained that despite this Commission's order dt.24.07.2025, the PIO failed to furnish the requested information to him. As such he demanded penal action against the PIO for violation of the order of this Commission and the provisions of the RTI Act.

This Commission also notices that the PIO, without any justifiable reason failed to comply with this Commission's direction which amounts to wilful disrespect to this Commission and the RTI regime. However, during the course of hearing the PIO submitted that the requested documents are being collated which will be provided to the appellant in due course.

This Commission notices that the requested information are not covered by any of the exemption clauses under section 8 of the RTI Act, 2005 and therefore, directs the PIO to furnish the same to the appellant within 2(two) weeks from the date of receipt of this order failing which this Commission shall be compelled to invoke the penal provision, namely section 20 of the RTI Act against him. The appellant shall, thereafter, within one week, intimate this Commission of the receipt of the same failing which this appeal shall stand closed without further notice.

This appeal is disposed of in above terms.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 27th August, 2025.

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

Memo No. APIC- 280/2025 / 66 Dated Itanagar, the 28 Aug., 2025
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1. The Chief Engineer (E), Eastern Electrical Zone Head Quarter- Namsai, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.

2. The PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (E), Deomali Electrical Division, Tirap District (A.P) PIN: 792129 for information and compliance.

3. Shri Ratan Chetia, village Sitpani Moran. PO/PS Mahadevpur, Namsai PIN: 792105 Mobile No. 7063965456 for information.

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