



# ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION

### ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 Case No. APIC-323/2025.

**APPELLANT** 

: Shri Riya Taram

RESPONDENT

: The PIO, o/o the Joint Director of Elementary

Education, Itanagar, A.P

## **ORDER**

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Riya Taram for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO o/o the Joint Director of Elementary Education, Itanagar, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 27.01.2025.

**A) Particulars of information:** Details of Existing Clerical Employees Working Under Directorate of Elementary Education.

## (List enclosed at Annexure-1)

### B) Details of information Required:

- i. Copies of Appointment letters of Initial post on entry of service.
- ii. Copies of Appointment Letters for all subsequent promotions.
- iii. All relevant file noting in physical file / green noting in e-file.
- iv. All relevant advertisements in newspapers for conduct of interviews.
- v. Copies of All orders of DPC conducted for their promotions.
- vi. Copy of order or rule highlighting separate cadre for Directorate clerical Staffs.
- vii. Seniority lists of Office Assistants/UDC/LDCIMTS of Directorate of Elementary Education (indicating their initial appointment and subsequent promotional posts)
- viii. Green note, correspondences and DFAs of all limited department exams held till date by the Directorate of Elementary Education.
- ix. Green note, correspondences and DFAs of all approvals accorded to districts for conduct of DPC at district level by the Directorate of Elementary Education.
- x. Lists of teachers who are posted at various Residential Commissioner's Office/Bhavans at Mohanbari, Tezpur, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Shillong, Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi and other places, the date since they were posted there may also be mentioned.
- xi. Copies of approval of Secretary Education or Commissioner Education for attaching teachers in Residential Commissioner's Office and Bhavan's
- xii. Copies of post creation and sanction under Elementary Education salary head-76 for the posts of Head Assistant, UDCLDCIMTS/Peon/Chowkidar 9both contingency & regular) in all the districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- xiii. Copies of all green note and correspondences and DFAs related to post-continuation subject matter for 2024-25.
- C) Period for which information asked for: Since last five years (2020).

Records reveal that the Appellant did not receive the aforementioned information sought by him from the PIO in view of which he approached the F.A.A, the Director (Elementary Education), Itanagar, Govt. of A.P under section 19 (1) of the RTI Act vide his Appeal Memo dated 28.02.2025.

The appeal is listed today on 22.08.2025 wherein Shri Tadar Tugung, TGT-cum-APIO representing the PIO is present but the Appellant Shri Riya Taram is absent.

This Commission noticed that the F.A.A, the Director (Elementary Education) has not adjudicated on this appeal as mandated under section 19(3) of the RTI Act,2005.

The First Appellate Authority, following the principle of natural justice, ought to have conducted hearing giving fair and equal opportunity to the Appellant and the PIO and thereafter passed a reasoned and speaking order on merit.

It is to be noted that the F.A.A, while adjudication on the appeal must apply his mind into the aspects like the kind of information sought by the Appellant, whether the information sought for could be disclosed or whether the same is exempted under relevant provisions of law and then, exercise his power and functions as mandated by the provisions of Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In the instant appeal, since the F.A.A did not consider the appeal, this Commission finds the case fit to be remanded to the FAA, the Director (Elementary Education) for adjudication who shall apply his/her mind and go into the aspects like what kind of information was sought by the Appellant, whether each information(s) could be provided or whether the same is hit by the provisions of Section – 8 & 9 of the RTI Act, 2005, whether the information requested is disproportionate/indiscriminate etc. and then pass an appropriate speaking order giving justification for his decision.

This appeal is, accordingly, remanded to the Director (Elementary Education), Itanagar, the F.A.A, for adjudication within 4(four) weeks from the date of receipt of this order with liberty to the Appellant to prefer second appeal before this Commission under section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, if he is aggrieved/ dissatisfied with the order passed by the F.A.A, or with the information furnished by the PIO for which no fee need be paid.

The Appellant is directed to appear in the hearing called by the F.A.A failing which, the F.A.A shall be at liberty to dismiss and close the appeal as not being interested by the Appellant.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug, 2025.

Sd/-

(SANGYAL TSERING BAPPU) State Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.

Dated Itanagar, the 24 Aug, 2025

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- 2. The PIO, o/o the Jt. Director of Elementary Education, Govt. of A.P, Itanagar (PIN: 791111) for information.
- 3. Shri Riya Taram, Huto Colony Jollang, c/o Riang Store Beside Catholic Church, Jollang, Itanagar, Mobile No. 9383103387/9402443699 (PIN: 791113) for information.
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