



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF MAJOR GENERAL JARKEN GAMLIN, AVSM, SM, VSM
(RETD), STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

No.APIC-32/2024(R)/2025

Dated, Itanagar the 21st August'2025

Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Shri Mamu Sono, & Shri Tania Dongru, 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 Superintendent Engineer-cum-Coordination & Training, PWD (W/Z), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791111.

ORDER

1). This was an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Shri Mamu Sono, & Shri Tania Dongru, 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 Superintendent Engineer-cum-Coordination & Training, PWD (W/Z), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 13/11/2023 regarding the appointment of Jr. Engineer (JE) Civil, since 2015 to 2019.

2). The Appellants vide letter no. nil dated 20/08/2025 have made submission for the review of the Commission's decision made vide Memo No. APIC-32/2024 (R) 2025 / 802/ dated, Itanagar the 21st July'2025 under the principle of natural justice.

3). The Commission observes that for the hearing on 15th July'2025, a Hearing Notice was issued vide Memo No. APIC-32/2024 (R) 2025 / 219/ dated, Itanagar the 9th June'2025 to the PIO and the Appellants well in advance (35 days before the date of hearing) giving equal opportunity to both the parties to appear before the Commission's court and to place their submission, with a caution at para-4.

Quote, " Take notice that in case of default in appearance by the PIO on the day of hearing mentioned above, the appeal will be heard and determined ex-parte and Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 shall be invoked. In case the Appellant is found absent the case would be disposed of." Unquote.

4). Neither of the Appellants, Shri Mamu Sono or Shri Dongru Tania, appeared on the date of hearing, nor was any intimation received for their absences. Er. S.T. Tara, PIO-cum-SE, Coordination & Training, PWD (W/Z), Itanagar alone attended the court hearing through Video Conferencing and placed his submissions. The PIO was directed to furnish information to the Appellant as and when the Appellants visited the office. The Appellants were also given opportunity to collect information from the PIO's office within 30 days from the date of issue of the order.

5). In regard to appeal for review, it is pertinent to highlight the decision of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *Delhi Development Authority v. Central Information Commission and Another WP (c) 12714/2009 dated 21.05.2010* :-

"35. Neither the RTI Act nor the rules framed thereunder grant the power of review to the Central Information Commission or the Chief Information Commissioner. Once the statute does not provide for the power of review, the Chief Information Commissioner cannot, without any authority of law, assume the power of review or even of a special leave to appeal."

6). The Commission, in observance of above, cannot review the case inspite of the appeal made by the Appellant. Also, no further correspondence would be made in regard to this specific appeal no. No.APIC-32/2024(R)/2025. **However, liberty is with the Appellant to file writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court, under article 226 of the Indian Constitution, if not satisfied with decision of the Commission.**

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

[Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)],
State Chief Information Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

Memo No. APIC-32/2024(R)/2025

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Dated, Itanagar the 21st August'2025

Copy to:

1. The FAA-cum-Chief Engineer (PWD), Govt. of A.P., Western Zone, PWD Department, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791111, to ensure attendance of the Public Information Officer (PIO), Govt. of A.P., O/o the Superintendent Engineer-cum-Coordination & Training, PWD (W/Z), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court of State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.
2. The Public Information Officer (PIO), Govt. of A.P., O/o the Superintendent Engineer-cum-Coordination & Training, PWD (W/Z), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791111.
3. Shri Mamu Sono, & Shri Tania Dongru, Sood Village, PO/PS-Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791110, (M) 9436215521.
4. ✓ Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website.
5. Case file.

P. Raju

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