



ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR

Appeal U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Vide No. APIC- 594/2023

Shri Bengia Apo
Village Tayang
PO/PS: Koloriang
Kurung Kumey District
Arunachal Pradesh. Pin: 791118.
(M) 9362559211

Appellant

Versus

PIO – O/o PD DRDA Koloriang,
Kurung Kumey District
Arunachal Pradesh
Pin:791118.

Respondent

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

(Form-4 CPC R/W Sec – 20 (1) & (2) of the RTI Act, 2005)

To,

Shri Pama Bagang
PIO - O/o PD DRDA Koloriang,
Kurung Kumey District
Arunachal Pradesh
Pin: 791118.

Whereas, Shri Bengia Apo filed second appeal against you before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar, on 27.06.2023 U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 registered vide appeal no. APIC-594/2023, wherein, alleging against you that you have not furnished information sought by him in RTI application dated 10.1.2023 relating to the matter as quoted in Form-A application.

Whereas, you being the PIO – O/o the PD DRDA Koloriang, Kurung Kumeay District, Arunachal Pradesh, have failed to furnish the information sought under RTI Act, 2005 to the appellant within prescribed period of 30 days from the receipt of his application as provided under section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 without any reason, whereby, amounting to violation of the sub section (1) of section 7, which liable for imposing reasonable penalty against you under Sub Section (1) of Section-20 of the RTI Act 2005.

Whereas, date of hearing of the appeal was intimated to you well in advance for the last hearing dated 29.8.2024 but you were found absent during the hearing without any information to this Commission / Court, which is unbecoming on the part of PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO besides performing public duties, also has to attend court hearing when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO, thereby amounting to contempt of this court. You remained absent in earlier five hearings as well.

And whereas, this commission being empowered with powers of Civil Court U/S 18, sub-section (3), clause (a) and U/S 20 (1) & (2) of RTI Act, 2005. Hence the commission has seriously viewed your absence and found it fit for imposing reasonable penalty for your neglect in furnishing the information(s) to the appellant, as well as not complying to the hearing notice of this commission / court.

Whereas, the appellant stated before commission that till today's 6th hearing dated 29.8.2024 he has not received any of the information from the PIO as sought in his form-A application despite the order passed by this court / commission on 13.10.2023 for providing information contained at serial no. (f) only in RTI application form-A.

After hearing the appellant, the commission observes that in the last hearing on 28.6.2024 the PIO, that is you, were ordered to comply the order passed in the earlier hearings dated 12.12.2023 and 17.5.2024. Your failure to comply the order / direction of this commission / court shows the defiant attitude of you in honouring the order of this commission.

Your act of defying the order of this commission seems you to be a contemnor, for which this commission has been compelled to issue this show cause notice to you as to why you failed to appear before the court / commission without any intimation, failed to provide information to the appellant and failed to comply with orders of this court / commission.

You are once again directed to provide the information as ordered earlier to the appellant on or before the next date of hearing. And it is to be mentioned in this order that if same attitude is repeated by you / PIO in next date of hearing, **the PIO shall be issued arrest warrant as per order 21, rule 37 of Civil Procedure**

Code empowered upon the commission by section 18(3) and section 20(1) & (2) under RTI act, 2005.

Therefore, you are hereby ordered to submit a **written explanation** of your conduct and provide the commission a valid cause, why penalty should not be imposed against you as provided in section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 for violation of sub section (1) of the section 7 of RTI Act, 2005 and it should reach to this commission on or before 20th Sept'2005.

Next date of hearing shall be issued in due course of time. And you are hereby ordered to appear in person or through online mode before the commission (APIC) in the next date of hearing along with information sought by the appellant. Failing which, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission / Court on this 29th day of August' 2024.

Sd/-
(Dani Gamboo)
State Information Commissioner

Memo No. APIC-598/2023/197
Copy to:

Dated Itanagar ...Sept.' 2024.

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Koloriang, KurungKumey District, Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Shri Bengia Apo Village Tayang PO/PS: Koloriang Kurung Kumey District Arunachal Pradesh. Pin: 791118. (M) 9362559211
3. Computer Programmer APIC, Itanagar to upload in APIC website and mail to concerned departmental email of PIO.
4. Office copy.

Registrar / Dy.Registrar,
APIC, Itanagar
Deputy Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar