RUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, (APIC) ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Appeal U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide No. APIC-866/2023 BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Shri Mikre Taso

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Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-DLRSO, Likabali Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Respondent

2nd SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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

To,

Shri Chogge Nyodu PIO-cum-DLRSO, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

WHEREAS, Shri Mikre Taso filed the Second Appeal against you before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar, on 06.09.2023 U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Appeal No. APIC-866/2023, wherein, alleging that you failed to furnish information sought by the Appellant under Form-A of his application dated 10/05/2023 relating to the matter as quoted in Form-A application.

WHEREAS, you, being DLRSO, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has refused to furnish the information sought under RTI Act, 2005 to the appellant within the prescribed period of 30 days from the date of receipt of his application as provided under Sub-Section (1) of Section-7 of the Act without any reason, whereby, amounting to violation of the said sub-section of section-7, liable for imposing penalty against you under the sub section (1) of section-20 of the Act.

WHEREAS, the PIO-cum-EAC, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Likabali, Lower Siang District has written a letter twice to comply the order of the Commission for furnishing the information as sought by the appellant. The letters were sent by the PIO-cum-EAC on 16/04/2024 and 21/11/2024. It is observed that the DLRSO, Lower Siang District, Likabali is reluctant to provide the information inspite of repeated directions by the Commission.

Under Provision of Section 19(8) (a) (ii) of RTI Act, 2005, you are appointed as PIO for this particular appeal case and provide the information since you are holding the information sought by the appellant.

WHEREAS, date of hearing of the Appeal was intimated to you well in advance, but you are found absent consecutively in 5(five) hearings on 17/06/2024, 12/08/2024, 09/09/2024, 11/11/2024 and 10/02/2025 without intimation to the Commission. The Commission viewed seriously on the repeated absence of the PIO and showing reluctance attitude to appear in person before the Commission in every hearing, inspite of the directions of the Commission and failed to furnish the information within prescribed period.

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby directed to appear in person before the Commission (APIC), Itanagar for hearing and to furnish the reply of Show-Cause Notice against you on or before 24th March, 2025 at 1030 as to why you should not be imposed a penalty as provided in Sub-Section(1) Section-20 of the RTI Act for violation of Sub Section (1) of the Section-7 of the RTI Act, 2005 and failing which, matter will be heard and determined in your absence. Thereafter, for further failure, disciplinary action will be recommended under Section 20(2) of RTI Act, under the Service rules applicable to him. Last Chance Warning Show Cause Notice is issued to the PIO and directed to reply of the Show Cause Notice immediately to the Commission. Failing which penalty will be imposed against the PIO as per the RTI Act, 2005.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of this Commission Court, on this 10th day of February, 2025.

Sd/-(Khopey Thaley) State Information Commissioner, APIC-Itanagar

Memo No. APIC-866/2023

Dated Itanagar, the 11 th February, 2025.

- 1. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-FAA, Lower Siang District, Likabali, Arunachal Pradesh for kind information and necessary action to ensure the compliance of this order by the PIO concerned without fail to avoid action under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 2. The Director of Land Management, Govt. f Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar for kind information and necessary action to ensure the compliance of this order by the PIO concerned without fail to avoid action under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 3. Shri Mikre Taso, Upper Coloney, PO/PS, Likabali, Lower Siang, Arunachal Pradesh for information for information & necessary action. Contact No. 6909975426
- 4. The Computer Programmer/Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC and mail.
- 5. Office Copy.

Registrar/Dy. Registrar APIC-Itanagar. Registrar Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission Itanagar.