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

Appeal U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide No. APIC-250-2024

TAN BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Shri Tabing Lamgu Appellant

-VERSUS-

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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

To,

PIO-Cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Khellong Forest Division

WHEREAS, Shri Tabing Lamgu filed the Second Appeal against you before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar, on 09.09.2024 U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Appeal No. APIC-250/2024, wherein, alleging that you failed to furnish information sought by the Appellant under Form-A of his application dated 03/03/2024 relating to the matter as quoted in Form-A application.

WHEREAS, you, being PIO-Cum-DFO, Khellong Forest Division, West Kameng 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, date of hearing of the Appeals was intimated to you well in advance but you are found absent consecutively in 3(three) hearings on 05/03/2025, 05/05/2025 and 18/08/2025 before the Commission.

As per the case record, it is found that the PIO-cum-DFO, Khellong Forest Division is absent consecutively 2 (two) hearing without any intimation to the Commission dated 05/05/2025 and 18/08/2025. On the last hearing, the PIO was directed to be present in person before the Commission, but he failed to comply the direction of the Commission.

The Commission viewed seriously on the repeated absence of the PIO and showing reluctance attitude to appear in person before the Commission and knowingly & intentionally not complying with the order of 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 29th September, 2025 at 1030 hours 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.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of this Commission Court, on this 18th day of August, 2025.

The Commission fixed next date of hearing on 29/09/2025 at 1030 hours.

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

Memo No. APIC-250/2024 / 308

Dated Itanagar, the th August, 2025.

1. The FAA-cum- Chief Conservator of forest, Western Zone, Banderdewa, Papum Pare District, Govt. of 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.

 Shri Tabing Lamgu, Resident of Press Colony, Papu Nallah, Naharlagun Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information & necessary action. Contact No.9402062188

3. The Computer Programmer/Operator, for uploading on the website of APIC and mail.

4. Office Copy.

Registrar/Dy. Registrar
APIC-Itanagar.

Associate Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar