

Appeal U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide No. APIC-1012/2023

BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Shri Lenzing Pertin Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-DFO, Pasighat Forest Division

Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Respondent

2nd SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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

To.

PIO-cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Pasighat Forest Division, East Siang District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

WHEREAS, Shri Lenzing Pertin filed the Second Appeal against you before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar, on 25.10.2023 U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Appeal No. APIC-1012/2023, wherein, alleging that you failed to furnish information sought by the Appellant under Form-A of his application dated 16/10/2023 relating to the matter as quoted in Form-A application.

WHEREAS, you, being PIO-Cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Pasighat Forest Division, East 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.

As per the case record, it is seen that last hearing date was fixed on 16/06/2025 at 1030 hours but court hearing was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances and it was re-fixed on 18/08/2025. On the last occasion both the parties were present, with the consent of both the parties one week time was given w.e.f. 29/04/2025 to 07/05/2025 excluding Saturday & Sunday for inspection of the documents at DFO Office.

But today the appellant is present and has stated that he visited the office of the PIO-cum-DFO, Pasighat Forest Division for inspection but PIO was absent and the APIO who was present did not gave permission to inspect the document and stated that he was not instructed by the PIO. The PIO is directed to give time to the appellant to inspect the documents which are not exempted under RTI Act, as per the order made on 28/04/2025. It is seen that the case is been pending for last 10th hearing without any progress.

Show Cause Notice also was issued against the PIO on 7th hearing on 27/01/2025 and directed to appear before the Commission in the next date of hearing, but he failed to comply the order of the Commission. So, Last Warning Show Cause Notice is issued against the PIO and directed to appear before the Commission in the next date of hearing.

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 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 Auguat, 2025.

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

Memo No. APICs-1012/2023/ JUST Copy to:- Dated Itanagar, the 9th August, 2025.

- The Deputy Commissioner, Pasighat, East Siang District, 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 Chief Conservator of Forest-cum-FAA, Central Circle Forest, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh for kind information & 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 Lenzing Pertin, R/o Mirbuk Village, PO/PS, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh for information for information & necessary action.

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

5. Office Copy.

Registrar/Dy/Registrar

Depypi Callaffagar.

Arunachal Pradeah Information Commission