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

Appeal U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide No. APIC-1156/2023

BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Shri Tadar Chai Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-DFO, Koloriang 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, Koloriang Forest Division, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

WHEREAS, Shri Tadar Chai filed the Second Appeal against you before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar, on 06.12.2023 U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Appeal No. APIC-1156/2023, wherein, alleging that you failed to furnish information sought by the Appellant under Form-A of his application dated 19/09/2023 relating to the matter as quoted in Form-A application.

WHEREAS, you, being PIO-Cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey 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 4(four) hearings on 28/10/2024, 18/11/2024, 09/12/2024 and 03/02/2025 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. So, you are found liable to be imposed penalty on your negligence for non-furnishing of the information as sought by the Appellant.

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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 17th 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. Last 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 3rd day of February, 2025.

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

Memo No. APIC-1156/2023/279 Copy to:- Dated Itanagar, the Y th February, 2025.

- 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey 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, Western Circle, Banderdewa 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 Tadar Chai, Pachin Coloney, Naharlagun, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information for information & necessary action. Contact No. 9402450664
- 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.