Appeal U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide No. APIC-927/2023

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI KHOPEY THALEY, THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Shri Palen Laa & Smti Yukar Yaga Appellant

-VERSUS-

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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

To,

ITAND

The PIO-cum-Divisional Forest Officer, Hapoli Forest Division, In-charge Raga Forest Division, Arunachal Pradesh- 791120

WHEREAS, Shri Palen Laa filed the Second Appeal against you before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission, Itanagar, on 22.09.2023 U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Appeal No. APIC-927/2023, wherein, alleging that you failed to furnish information sought by the Appellant under Form-A of his application dated 20/06/2023 relating to the matter as quoted in Form-A application.

WHEREAS, you, being PIO-cum-Divisional Forest Officer (In-charge), Raga, 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 6(six) hearings on 18/12/2023, 19/01/2024, 27/03/2024, 03/06/2024, 03/07/2024 and 18/09/2024 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 30th October, 2024 at 2 PM 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 September, 2024.

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

Memo No. APIC-927/2023 / Dated Itanagar, the th September, 2024.

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Conservator of Forest (DFO)-cum-FAA, Western Circle, Banderdewa, Govt. of 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. Shri Palen Laa & Smti Yukar Yaga, C/o Jollang Sonam Nursery, Itanagar Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh for information. Contact No. 7085354892

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

Registrar/Dy, Reg APIC-Itanagar