



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

Vide Case No.APIC-290/2024

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

Shri Taram Kenji & Shri Nangram Ganesh

..... **Appellant**

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Commissioner, IMC, Gohpur,
Itanagar, Papum Pare District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... **Respondent.**

Order: 04.12.2025.

JUDGEMENT

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellants Shri Taram Kenji and Nangram Ganesh on **12/08/2024** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO office of the Commissioner, Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC), Chimpoo, Itanagar, Papumpare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in their Form 'A' application. The Appellants being not receiving the information from the PIO, they filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18/09/2024**. The Appellants again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **21/10/2024** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **290/2024** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **28.01.2025, 01.04.2025, 26.08.2025 and on 04.12.2025** wherein the Appellants are found absent during the 3rd and 4th hearing before the Commission.

The PIO of the office of the Commissioner; Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC), Chimpoo, Itanagar, Papumpare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh found absent in all the four hearings in this appeal but the PIO was present in the APIC-291/2024 through his learned counsel Advocate Tapi Omo, during the 4th hearing before the Commission the Form-A application filed by the same Appellant.

Details of information(s) sought from the PIO;

- i) Furnish the total sanction amount from State and Central under 15th Finance Commission.
- ii) Furnish the DPR copy.
- iii) Furnish the Utilization Certificate.
- iv) Furnish the guideline of FFC.

- v) Furnishes the Geo tag Copy
- vi) Furnish the firm name with proper details.

Period for which information is required: -2021 to till date.

Background:

This judgment pertains to the second appeal filed under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, in which the appellants were seeking information from the PIO of the office of the Commissioner, Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC).

Hearings:

1. Hearing Schedule: The appellants were duly notified of four hearings scheduled before the Commission.
2. Absence of Appellants: Of the four hearings, the appellants were absent on two occasions consecutively. Despite prior notice, served upon them, they failed to present without reason intimated to the Commission.
3. Appearance of PIO: The Public Information Officer (PIO) of the IMC only appeared during the fourth hearing following an order issued to the Chief Secretary of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, directing the initiation of disciplinary action against the PIO as per service rules for his non-attendance.

Commission's Observations:

- The Commission views the repeated absence of the appellants, despite the opportunity to present their case, as a sign of non-seriousness in pursuing their appeal.
- The significance of participatory engagement in such hearings is critical for the proper adjudication of the case under the RTI framework.
- Therefore, the commission has decided to take a serious view of the matter involving both the appellants.

Decision:

In light of the absence of the appellants consecutively twice, and the circumstances outlined, the Commission dismiss this appeal *ex parte*. Consequently, the following orders are issued:

1. The order for initiating disciplinary action against the Commissioner, IMC stands cancelled and withdrawn.
2. The order regarding the inquiry against the Officer in Charge, Chimpur Police Station, for the non-execution of the warrant of arrest issued against the PIO of the office of the Commissioner, Itanagar Municipal Corporation (IMC) also stands withdrawn.

This order serves to clarify and resolve the matters raised within the context of the RTI appeal. The commission encourages all parties involved to adhere to procedural requirements in future hearings to ensure constructive engagement and the effective resolution of issues under the RTI Act.

ORDER;

In view of the above facts and circumstance the Commission dismiss this Appeal ex parte. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 4th day of December' 2025. Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 4th day of December' 2025.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)
State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar, the 10.....December, 2025.

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2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh for Withdrawal of Disciplinary Action Against the Commissioner, IMC.
3. The Director General of Police, Arunachal Pradesh Police for Withdrawal of Inquiry Against Officer in Charge, Chimpoo Police Station.
4. Shri Taram Kenji & Shri Nangram Ganesh, Donyi Polo road, Itanagar, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 97744920743**
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