



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

Case No. APIC-920/2025.

(Summon to appear in person)

(Or.5 R.3 of CPC)

APPELLANT : Shri Tamchi Gungte, near KV-II School Chimpu Itanagar,
RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (WRD), Ziro
Division, Ziro.

ORDER/SUMMONS

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tamchi Gungte for non-furnishing of 12 (twelve) point information on implementation of "Works/ projects sponsored by State fund/ Central fund or both (such as SIDF/ BE/ RE/ RIDF/ SADA/ ADA/ / MPLAD/ SPA/ Article 275(1)/ PMJVK/ CRIF/ PMDe Vine/ NEC/ NESIDS / Non-BADP, SASCI, FMBAP, PMKSY etc. during the financial year 2020-21 to 2025-26 by the PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (WRD), Ziro Division, Lower Subansiri District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 10.09.2025.

This appeal was heard on 08.05.2026 wherein both the appellant and the PIO, Er. Sri Padi Sambyo Tubin, EE were present in person and the following order was passed:

"Heard the parties.

The appellant, reiterating his replies to the PIO vide his letter dt.18.10.25, submitted that the PIO, instead of furnishing the requested information, had asked for an unreasonable cost of the documents. The PIO, on the other hand, submitted that the cost of documents (Rs.40200/-) has been calculated and arrived at taking into account the details of information sought for more than 20 funding programs/heads and for more than 6 Financial years.

This Commission also notices that prima facie the details of documents/information as sought for by the appellant in his RTI application, appear to be voluminous but the appellant clarified that most of the requested information pertain to figures and not the hard copies which the PIO can furnish in a tabular form.

In adverting to the instant issue/controversy, this Commission deems it relevant to refer to the principle of law settled by the Apex Court in the case of CBSE & Anr. Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay & ors. in Civil Appeal No.6456 of 2011 whereby the Hon'ble Court held that right to information is a cherished right and that right to information which are the tools to bring transparency and accountability should be enforced strictly. The Apex court at the same time held that indiscriminate and impractical demand for disclosure of all sundry information not related to transparency and accountability in the functioning of the public authority would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration.

What emerges from the principle of law as above is that the provisions of the RTI Act are to be implemented by harmonizing the rights of the citizen under the RTI Act on the one hand and the efficient and unobstructed functioning of the public authorities on the other.

In the light of the above principle of law, this Commission directs the appellant to prioritise his demand for the information documents and submit a revised request specifying clearly the points relevant to transparency and accountability and on receipt whereof the PIO shall furnish the replies /documents in a tabular form with proper paging /indexing and it is made clear that if the o/o the PIO does not hold any of the requested information, he shall furnish appropriate explanation/reason therefor on an affidavit as required by section 7(8)(i) r/w section 18(3)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005 and Rule 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.

The appellant shall comply with the direction within 1(one) week from the date of receipt of this order and the PIO shall comply with the direction within 3(three) weeks of the receipt of the revised request from the appellant and report the compliance thereof on 12.06.2026, the next date of hearing."

Today on 12.06.2026, the PIO is absent who, however, prayed vide his letter dt.11.06.26 to adjourn the hearing to a convenient date as he is out of station on leave.

The appellant who is present in person submitted that as directed by this Commission's order dt.08.05.26, he had submitted a revised list of specific request to the PIO in May but he has not so far received the replies to the revised list of request..

In the premises as above, the PIO is directed to furnish the replies/documents to the appellant as per the revised list of queries at right earnest and report the compliance thereof on 15.07.2026 so as not to constrain this Commission to invoke section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant shall also intimate this Commission of the receipt of the documents/information for further consideration of the appeal.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 12th June, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby summoned to appear in person or online in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu, **SIC 15th July, 2026 (Wednesday) at 10.30 am** to answer the claims, and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your claims/defense.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance, on the day above- mentioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

To avail online hearing please at least notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, download "**WEBEX MEETING APP**" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957) maybe contacted.

Sd/-
(S. TSERING BAPPU)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 920/2025 / 897 Dated Itanagar, the 15 June, 2026

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Engineer (WRD), Western Zone Itanagar Vivek Vihar, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.
2. The PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (WRD), Ziro Division, Lower Subansiri District (A.P) PIN: 792129 for information and compliance.
3. Shri Tamchi Gungte, Near KV-2 School Chimpu, Itanagar Mobile No. 9233567279 for information.
4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the Website of APIC please.
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