



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION

ITANAGAR.

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

Case No. APIC-09/2026.

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

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tamchi Gungte for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (PWD), Changlang Division, Changlang as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 29.09.2025.

A) Particular of information: C/o "completed Plan & non-Plan Works/ projects sponsored by State fund/ Central fund or both (such as SIDF/ BE/ RE/ RIDF/ SADA/ ADA/ MLALAD/ MPLAD/ SPA/ Article 275(1)/ PMJVK/ CRIF/ PMDeVine/ NEC/ NESIDS / Non-BADP, SASCI/ CMCSRPD, Maintenance works etc), executed under the concern division" from the financial year 2016-17 to 2025-26.

B) Details of information require:

C) Details of information require:

1. Furnish the certified copy of Total list of works/projects completed by the division under various scheme head mentioned above (state/central scheme or both as mentioned above) for each financial year from 2016-17 to 2025-26.
2. Furnish the certified copy of Sanction order/ Administrative Approval (AA) & Expenditure Sanction (ES) of each completed projects in respect of serial No. 1 mentioned above for each financial year from 2016-2017 to 2025-2026.
3. Furnish the certified copy of Technical Sanction (TS) of each completed projects in respect of serial no. 1 mentioned above for each financial year from 2016-17 to 2025-26.
4. Furnish the certified copy of Agreement made between the Contractor and Executing Agency, for each completed projects/works from the financial 2016-17 to 2025-26.
5. Furnish the certified copy of Work Order (with amount mentioned) issued to the contractor with respect to serial no. 1. (only for the work awarded in work order form) 2016-17 to 2025-26.
6. Furnish the Details of fund Surrendered to the Govt. Head Account, in respect of serial no. 1 of my form-A
 - c) Remaining balance amount after A/A E/S and TS has been done. (Enclosed the proof of surrender such as Challan copy or whichever method has been used.)
 - d) Remaining Balance amount after TS and Contract Agreement of the project/work. (Enclosed the proof of surrender such as Challan copy or whichever method has been used)

7. Furnish the Details of Expenditures of fund if been utilised, in respect of serial no. 1 of my Form-A:
 - c) Remaining balance amount after A/A E/S and TS has been completed. (Enclosed the proof of Expenditure.)
 - d) Remaining Balance amount after TS and Contract Agreement/work order amount of the projects/works. (Enclosed the proof of expenditure)
8. Furnish the certified details of Officer (name & Designation) who authorized/approve the surrender process of fund in respect of serial no. 6 of the Form-A.
9. Furnish the certified details of Officer who authorized/approve the expenditures of fund in respect of serial no. 7 of Form-A.
10. Furnish the Rules followed by the Division Officers (under CPWD works manual/ any other etc.) that authorize the officers to make an expenditures of fund beyond the Contract agreement/Work Order amount in respect of the projects/works.
11. Furnish all the above documents with CTC & proper manner (i.e. in serial wise with properly Index and proper paging of each financial year).

Brief facts emerging from the appeal:

Records in the appeal reveal that the appellant had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information but failed to obtain the same within the statutory period of one month which prompted him to file appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the Chief Engineer (PWD), Eastern Zone, Namsai, District Namsai, Govt. of A.P. under section 19(1) of the RTI Act vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 10.10.2025. But having failed yet again to obtain the information, he preferred second appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide Appeal Memo dt. 29.12.2025.

Hearing & decision:

This appeal is, accordingly, listed today on 10.06.2026 wherein the appellant, Shri Tamchi Gungte is present in person while the PIO is represented by Er. Shri Takhe Rika, AE with written statement dt.09.06.2026 from the PIO, Er. Shri Thanglip Tangha, EE which is reproduced hereunder..

"Most Respectfully Submitted,

That the Respondent PIO humbly submits before the Hon'ble Commission that the information sought by the appellant pertains to a large number of works/projects executed under various schemes covering several financial years, involving voluminous records and documents.

That during the relevant period, the office of the undersigned was engaged in furnishing extensive information and records requisitioned by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and other official matters of urgent nature. Due to the said engagement, the available staff of the Division remained occupied in compilation, verification and submission of records required by the CBI authorities.

That the office is also presently facing acute shortage of staff, and because of such shortage, the process of collection, verification, indexing, pagination and certification of the records sought under the RTI application could not be completed within the stipulated period.

That there was no deliberate intention on the part of the Respondent PIO to withhold or deny the information sought by the appellant. The delay occurred solely due to administrative constraints, shortage of manpower and engagement of staff in urgent official assignments.

The Respondent PIO is making sincere efforts to compile all relevant documents and records in proper form as directed by the Hon'ble Commission and assures that the information shall be furnished to the appellant after completion of the compilation and verification process.

PRAYER

In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Commission may kindly:

- 1. Condone the delay in furnishing the information;*
- 2. Grant reasonable further time to the Respondent PIO for compilation and furnishing of the complete information;*
- 3. Pass any other order deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice.*

For this act of kindness, the Respondent shall remain grateful.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

*Er. Thangtit Tangha
PIO Cum Executive Engineer
PWD Changlang Division"*

Heard the parties.

The A.E reiterating the contents of written submission as above, pleaded for sufficient time to collate and collect the information /documents sought for by the appellant. He further submitted that the information sought for by the appellant pertain to multiple number of schemes and are for last 10 (ten) years which will have to be traced out from the records which will take considerable amount of time. He also stated that the CBI has also asked for the records/documents on execution of various schemes in the State. He, thus, suggested the appellant to prioritise his demand instead of seeking such a voluminous information so as to enable the o/o the PIO to furnish them as soon as possible. The appellant, on the other hand, contended that the schemes against which he has sought the information, though, seem multiple but the same is actually not voluminous as some of the schemes might not have been executed by the o/o the PIO of which the PIO may furnish appropriate explanation / replies.

This Commission, upon hearing the parties and on perusal of the list of documents/information sought by the appellant, directs the PIO to study the queries, analyze them and find out which of the schemes were actually executed by the Division and furnish appropriate replies. It is, however, made clear that as per section - 7(8)(i) of the RTI Act, when an information is denied to the applicant, the reason thereof has to be communicated to the applicant to his satisfaction. And as mandated by section-18(3)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005 and under rule- 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005, such submission/reply of the PIO has to be furnished on an affidavit.

The PIO is, therefore, directed to make an endeavour to furnish the requested information and / or affidavits to the appellant with intimation to this Commission, within 4(four) months from the date of receipt of this order so as to avoid the penal action under section 20 of the RTI Act.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 10th June, 2026.

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

Dated Itanagar, the 12 June, 2026

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Copy to:-

1. The Chief Engineer (PWD), Eastern Zone Namsai, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO concerned.
2. The PIO, o/o the Executive Engineer (PWD), Changlang, Changlang District (A.P) PIN: 792001 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.
5. Office copy.
6. S/Copy.

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