



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC- 852/2025.

APPELLANT : Shri Tame Tallang, Nirjuli.
RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the President/ Secretary General o/o the Paralympic Association of A.P, Nirjuli, Papum Pare Distt.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Tame Tallang for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the President/ Secretary General o/o the Paralympic Association of A.P, Nirjuli, Papum Pare District, A.P as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 09.09.2025.

A) Particulars of information: Govt. sanction order copies of 1(crore) & Reimbursement 2020-2025.

B) Details of Information:

1. Govt. Sanction order copy of 1 crore one crore from 2023-2024;
2. Detail expenditure & Cash memo of Amounting Rs 1 crore, (one core);
3. Reimbursement Govt. sanction order copies from 2020 to till date;
4. Players name & money received of the PAA Players;
5. President Financial approval copies of PAA account number.39792013655 from 2020 to 2025;
6. Charter Account Audited copies of PAA from 2020 to 2025 and
7. Bank Statement copy of PAA from 2020 to till date.

Brief facts emerging from the appeal:

Records in the appeal reveal that the appellant had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information in response to which the Secretary General, vide his letter dt.11.09.2025, had advised the appellant to deposit a sum of Rs.1980.00 being the cost of the requested documents/information. But the appellants, apparently, failed to obtain the documents which prompted him to file appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the President Paralympic Association of Arunachal (PAA in short), HQ Nirjuli under section 19(1) of the RTI Act vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 30.10.2025. 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. 17.11.2025.

This appeal is, accordingly, listed today on 01.04.2026 wherein the appellant, *Shri Tame Tallang is present in person while Shri Techi Sonu, the Secretary General, Paralympic Association of A.P appeared through VC.

Heard the parties.

The appellant, reiterating his demand for the requested information, submitted that the PIO failed to furnish the information despite his depositing the cost of documents amounting to Rs.1980.00 as demanded by the PIO.

The PIO, on the other hand submitted that the PAA is not a Public Authority under the RTI Act, 2005 but is a non-Government Organization, registered under the Societies Registration (Extension to Arunachal Pradesh) Act, 1978 and therefore, the Information Commission has no jurisdiction to entertain the appeal under the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the submission of the respondent, this Commission deems it appropriate to first consider this important question as to the status of the PAA under the RTI Act, 2005.

Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005 provides as under:

““public authority” means any authority or body or institution of self-government established or constituted-

- (a) by or under the Constitution;
- (b) by any other law made by Parliament;
- (c) by any other law made by the State Legislature;
- (d) by notification issued or order made by the appropriate Government, and including any-
 - (i) body owned, controlled or substantially financed;
 - (ii) non-Government organization substantially financed directly or indirectly by funds provided by the appropriate Government.”

During the course of hearing the parties were asked by this Commission as to whether there exists any order or notification issued by the State Govt. or the Central Govt. establishing the PAA as a body or institution under category (d) of section 2 (h) of the definition to which both the appellant and the PIO replied that the PAA, though, is affiliated to the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and is recognized by the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of A.P, there exists no such Govt. order or notification to that effect.

This Commission upon analysis of the provisions of section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005 vis-à-vis the status of the PAA, is of the considered view that the Authority in question can not be treated as a “public authority” defined under the above section. The mere fact that PAA receives some grants from the State Govt. from time to time also can not be treated as a body, “substantially financed” under category (d)(i) or (ii) of the definition of “public authority”. Consequently, this Commission concludes, with regrets, that the entertaining this appeal by this Commission will be *ultra vires* the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 and as such this appeal is rejected. The appellant, if felt aggrieved or dissatisfied with this order, may, however, approach the appropriate forum in terms of section 23 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 1st April, 2026.

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

Memo No. APIC 852/2025 / 1177 Dated Itanagar, the 07 April, 2026

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2. The PIO, o/o the President/ Secretary General o/o the Paralympic Association of A.P, Nirjuli, Papum Pare District, A.P. (Pin code-791109) for information.
3. Shri Tame Tallang, Nirjuli PO/PS-Nirjuli (Pincode-791109),(Phone No.8798477490) for information.
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