



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-847/2025.

APPELLANT : Shri MinremLangching, TikhakKhanglang Vill. Changlang

RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the E.E (RWD), Jairampur Division, Changlang District (A.P)

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Shri Minrem Langching, Nampong for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the EE (RWD), Jairampur Division, Changlang District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 23-04-2025 :

A. Particular of information: C/O A Motorable Bailey Bridge over the Rima River at Khamlang.

B. Details of Information

1. The detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Motorable Bailey Bridge over the Rima River at Khamlang with certified copy.
2. Estimated cost of the project and the source(s) of funding.
3. Sanction and approval letter related to the project.
4. Name(s) of the contractor(s) or agency responsible for execution.
5. The proposed time line for commencement and completion of the project.
6. The current status of the project (whether work has commenced, is ongoing or pending.
7. Any inspection reports or progress updates prepared thus far.

The records reveal that the Appellant, Shri Minrem Langching had filed application dated 23/04/25 before the PIO o/o the EE, RWD, Jairampur Division, Changlang District, Govt. Arunachal Pradesh requesting for the aforementioned information(s) regarding Construction of Motorable Bailey Bridge over the Rima River at Khamlang under your Division.

Records further reveal that the FAA had conducted the hearing hearing on 20th August, 2026 and after hearing the PIO, who submitted that his office did not receive the RTI application of the appellant, disposed of the appeal directing the appellant to resubmit the RTI application to the PIO. The extract of the FAA's order is reproduced below :

"SPEAKING ORDER

No. RWD/RTI/JAIRAMPUR/500/2025::: As per the RTI Act 2005, U/s 19(1), a hearing was held in connection with the Case No. RWD/RTI/JAIRAMPUR/500/2025, on 20-08-2025 in the office chamber of Chief Engineer-Cum-FAA, RWD, E/Z, Itanagar.

Both the parties were present.

The Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Engineer, Jairampur has submitted that his office has not received any RTI application, in question as claimed by the appellant.

After careful consideration of the facts and circumstances, this office has passed an order directing the appellant to resubmit the RTI application addressing to the Executive Engineer-cum-PIO, Jairampur.

Accordingly, the instant case has been disposed of.

*Sd/-
CE-Cum-FAA RWD,
E/Z, Itanagar*

It is seen that in compliance with the order of the FAA, the appellant had resubmitted his application to the PIO on 25.08.2025 in response to which the PIO, vide his letter dt. 29.09.2025, advised the appellant to deposit a sum of Rs.531.00 being the cost of documents. However, the appellant, apparently, aggrieved with the demand for the cost of documents, approached this Commission vide Memo of Appeal dt.04.11.2025 instead of approaching the FAA for redressal of his grievance and adjudicating on the appeal.

This appeal is, accordingly, listed today on 25.03.2026 wherein the appellant, Shri Minrem Langching appeared though VC while the PIO, Er. Shri Nyamar Rike, E.E is present in person who reiterated his submission made before the FAA and stated that the appellant, without exhausting his rights before the FAA under section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, had filed his 2nd appeal before this Commission.

This Commission, upon hearing the PIO and on perusal of the order dt.20.08.2025 passed by the FAA, the CE (RWD), E/Z, Itanagar, notices that the FAA and passed the said order without considering the appeal on merit and further that the appellant without exhausting his rights under section 19(1) of the RTI Act whereunder the FAA is mandated to consider and dispose of the appeal on merit, deems it appropriate to remand this appeal to the FAA for adjudication.

The First Appellate Authority, being well versed with the functioning of the department, ought to have adjudicated the appeal and passed a suitable order on merit and in speaking form stating therein the reasons for his decision.

The First Appellate Authority, being the quasi-judicial authority under the RTI Act, 2005, ought to apply his mind and go into the aspects like what kind of information was sought by the appellant in his application, whether the same could be provided or exempted under the relevant provisions of section 8 and 9 of the RTI Act and pass a speaking order giving justification for his decision.

The appeal is, accordingly, remanded to the CE (RWD), E/Z, Itanagar, the FAA for adjudication and passing an appropriate order within 4(four) weeks from the date of receipt of this order with liberty to the appellants to prefer second appeal, if dissatisfied or aggrieved by the decision of the First Appellate Authority within 90 days of the receipt of the order of the FAA for which no cost need be paid.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 25th March, 2026.

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

Memo No. APIC- 847/2024 / 1748 Dated Itanagar, the 17 March, 2026

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1. The Chief Engineer-cum- FAA, R.W.D. Eastern Zone-B, Itanagar for information and compliance.
2. The PIO o/o the EE (RWD), Jairampur Division, Changlang District (A.P) PIN: 792121 for information.
3. Shri Minrem Langching, Village TikhakKhamlang, PO/PS Nampong, Changlang District PIN: 792123 Mobile No. 7085353553 for information.
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