

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-964/2023

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

Shri Tania June

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-O/o Director of School Education,
Itanagar, Papum Pare District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order:06.03.2025.

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 Appellant Shri Tania June on **03/06/2023** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-Director of School Education, Itanagar, Papumpare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellant being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17/08/2023**. Appellant again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **10/10/2023** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the complaint registered it as **APIC- No- 964/2023 (Appeal)** and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission for 3 (three) consecutive times, on **07.11.2024, 19.12.2024 & 06.03.2025**. In all the hearings of the Appeal the Appellant found absent without intimating the Commission the reasons for his inability to attend the hearing.

The PIO is represented by the APIO, O/o the Director of School Education, Itanagar, Papumpare District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the APIO;

The APIO stated before the Commission that the information(s) sought by the Appellant under his Form-A application are ready to be furnished to the Appellant on payment of requisite amount of Rs. 10,000/- (rupees ten thousand only) as the fees for the information(s).

The Commission on 07.11.2024 also had ordered the Appellant to collect the information(s) from the office of the PIO and to intimate the Commission about information(s) received completely or not. But, the Appellant has not complied with the order of the Commission till date

Hearing:

The Appeal was heard on, 07.11.2024, 19.12.2024 and 06.03.2025 upon reviewing the submissions from both parties, this Court finds the following:

The Appellant absent for 3(three) consecutive times despite of issuing warning summon i.e on 07.11.2024 & 19.12.2024, which makes the Commission believe that the Appellant is not serious on his Appeal, even after warning the Appellant that upon his absence in the hearing, this Appeal will be decided ex-parte. However the Appellant did not appear before the Court, despite due notice being served in accordance with procedural requirements under RTI, Act, 2005.

The absence of the Appellant indicates a sense of non-seriousness and lack of respect for judicial process. As a result, the Court is left to determine the merits of the Appeal based on the submission and documentation provided by the PIO.

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/Order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 6th day of March' 2025. Copy of this Judgment/Order be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission/Court on this 6th day of March' 2025.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-964/2023/637

Dated Itanagar, the ...!!... March, 2025.

Copy to:

1. PIO-Cum-O/o Director of School Education Itanaga, P/Pare District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code- 791111.**
2. Shri Tania June, E-Sector, PO/PS- Naharlagun, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 8131848230**
3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC please.
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