

ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-313/2025

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

Shri Riya Taram & Others

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, PWD,
Palin, Kra-Daadi District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 22.01.2026.

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 Appellants Shri Riya Taram, Bengia Tahar and Lokam Namdu on **24/01/2025** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-EE, PWD, Palin Division, Kra-Daadi District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellants being not receiving the information from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24/02/2025**, and even then, the Appellant not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **09/04/2025** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **313/A/2025** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **25.09.2025 & 22.01.2026** wherein the Appellants found absent during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-EE, PWD, Shri Gollo Tagar, Palin Division, Kra-Daadi District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is present during the hearing before the Commission.

Details of information sought from the PIO;

1. Furnish the Name of Scheme/work List with Sanctioned Amount.
2. Furnish the Technical/Sanction order/Work Order copy/first & final bill/Billing voucher/LOC copy with details of payment like Xerox copy of Cheque leaf/demand draft/banker cheque/pay In slip for NEFT/RTGS/deposit Treasury Challan as per name of work order list wise by department.
3. Give the Name of Contractor/Xerox copy of Name of Agency/firm with contact number of Proprietor.
4. Give Coloring Photocopy of Geo-tag Report in work list wise.
5. Give the Money Receipt List of Contractor bill Payment with their name & contact number in work list wise.

6. Give the Xerox copy of Name of Agency/firm with contact number of Proprietor.
7. Give the billing Sheets/scheme Sheets details copy of work wise.
8. Give the MB records/Cashbook Statement.
9. How many percentage of amount has been deducted from contractor bill payment for like GST=%, CE=%, SE=%, EE=%, AE=%, JE=%, etc. Please Give the Exact amount of deduction.
10. Give the Certified Coloring Photocopy of all the work Sites by EE.
11. Give the Coloring photocopy/videography of every work site which might be before starting of work/Starting of work and ending of work.
12. Give the NOC copy of ZPC/ZPM/GPC/Gaon buras/Gaon buris of concern village/block.
13. Give Name of Officers & Officials with their Signature/Seal, Who hold the DDO Power to approved the financial matter or carried out the Works.
14. Give details of Enlistment of contractor as per work department Rules Act 2008.
15. Give details of proprietor of firm/Registration of certificate.
16. Give the Money deposited Challan of Govt. account against GST/Royalty by department/firm in work wise.
17. All the bill Payment must be Paid to the Contractor Accurately as per amount which mentioned in the Sanctioned Order/Name of Scheme list.

Period from which information asked for:2019-2025.

In the 2nd hearing held on 22.01.2026 related to APIC No-313/A/2025 the Appellants Shri Riya Taram, Bengia Tahar & Lokam Namdu, found absent consecutively for the 2nd time despite hearing notice being served upon them repeatedly for hearing held on 25.09.2025 and today on 22.01.2026.

Heard the PIO;

The PIO stated that the information sought by the group of Appellants is too voluminous and to provide the information(s) it will involve too much of human resources and funds. Whereas the office of the PIO is under staffed as well as the PIO's office does not have extra fund to photocopy and scan such voluminous copies of information. Whereas there are lot many RTI applicants like this instant group of individual who have applied RTI application.

After hearing the PIO the Commission hereby observes;

- i) The Section 6 (1) of the RTI, Act, 2005 states that RTI application can be applied by a person and not persons or a group. The present application by a group of the Appellants is invalid as per the provisions of the RTI, Act, 2005.
- ii) Despite being an invalid application for which the instant appeal is being heard for the 2nd time it is to be noted that the group of Appellants have absented themselves in the 1st hearing as well as today for the 2nd hearing which implies that the group of the Appellants are not serious on their appeal.

- iii) Perusing the application of the group of the Appellants it is found that their application itself is filed for vested interest rather than public interest.
- iv) The continuous presence of the PIO in this appeal unnecessarily wastes public resources in attending the hearing from a far place while the Appellants frivolously file appeal and then willfully absent themselves from hearing, which is taken note of very-very seriously by this Commission. Such waste of public resources as well as the precious time of the PIO as well as precious time of the Commission prompts this Commission to take into consideration for dismissal of such un warranted appeal as in the present appeal.

Pursuant to the above observations, the Commission hereby decides;

Considering this appeal as invalid as well as taking serious note of the willful absence of the Appellants the Commission hereby dismiss this appeal with a strict order that the Appellants will not be at liberty to file for the same set of information(s) from the instant PIO. And therefore, this appeal is dismissed and closed.

Order;

In view of the above facts and circumstances the Commission dismiss this Appeal ex-parte. And, accordingly, this Appeal stands dismissed and closed once for all.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 22nd day of January' 2026.

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 22nd day of January' 2026.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

Memo.No.APIC-313/A/2025/1043

Dated Itanagar, the 20th January, 2026.

Copy to:

1. PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, PWD, Palin, Kra-Daadi District, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:791118**
2. Shri Riya Taram & Others, Riang Store Jollang, Itanagar, P/Pare District Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 9383103387**
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