

ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, APIC

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC-759/2023 (Summon to appear in person) (Or. 5, R.3 of CPC)

Shri Tamchi Gungte - V/S- PIO-Cum-BDO, CD Block Puchigeko, Kamle District

To.

Block Development Officer, CD Block Puchigeko, Kamle District, A.P.

Summon Notice.

The 2nd hearing held on 18th February' 2025 related to the APIC No-759/2023. The Appellant Shri Tamchi Gungte is present. The PIO-cum-BDO, Puchigeko, CD-Block, found absent consecutively for 02(Two) times without intimating to the Commission the reason for his inability to attend the hearing, which is unbecoming on the part of the PIO, who has to be reminded that, the PIO besides public duties, also has to attend Court hearings when an appeal is preferred against him as per the provisions of the RTI, Act, 2005, which is a statutory duty binding upon the PIO.

Heard the Appellant;

During the hearing, on 18.02.2025, the Appellant stated before the Commission that the PIO has not furnished any of the information(s) as sought by him in his Form-A application till date.

After hearing the Appellant and going through the Form-A application of the Appellant:

The Commission observes;

Despite orders from the Commission to attend the hearing of this Appeal, on 05.12.2024 & 18.02.2025 the PIO is absent for two consecutive times which is contempt of the order of this Court.

- (i) That during last hearing on 5th December' 2024, the Commission **issued** <u>warning</u> <u>summon</u> to the PIO to appear in person or through online mode before the Commission in the next date of hearing, which is today, the **18th February' 2025**, for hearing of this instant Appeal.
- (ii) That PIO was ordered to furnish all the information(s) to the Appellant as applied in his form 'A' application on or before next date of hearing. Failing which necessary action shall be initiated against the PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

 But, it is presumed that the PIO has not complied with the order.

And therefore, the Commission hereby orders;

(i) To issue bailable warrant of arrest to the PIO-cum-BDO, Puchigeko, CD-Block, directing the officer in-charge of Raga Police Station, Kamle District, to execute and return this bailable warrant of arrest at the Court of the State Information Commission on the next date of hearing i.e on 15th day of May, 2025' at 10:30 AM, without fail.

- The copy of this bailable warrant of arrest be served to the Superintendent of Police, (ii) Kamle Distric for compliance.
- (iii) Notice for the next date of hearing need not be served to the Appellant as he is present during the hearing today.

The Commission hereby orders;

The next date of hearing be fixed on 15th day of May' 2025 at 10.30 AM.

N.B:- To avail online hearing please, notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, by downloading "WEBEX MEETING APP" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance may contact Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957).

It is so ordered this 18th day of February, 2025 at 02:30 PM.

Sd/-(Vijay Taram) State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar.

Memo. No. APIC-759/2023 /562 Dated Itanagar, the 28 February, 2025 Copy to:

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