



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC)

ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005

Case No. APIC-441 /2024.

(Summon to appear in person)

(Or.5, R.3 of CPC)

APPELLANT

:Shri Nibo Pao, Shri Tawa Yomda, Shri Japa Tali
Shri Jiten Lora & Others R/o Polo Colony, Nlg,
Papum Pare District (A.P)

RESPONDENT

:The PIO, o/o the DFO, Aalo Forest Division, Aalo,
West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

ORDER / SUMMONS

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Nibo Pao & Others for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the DFO, Aalo Forest Division, Aalo, West Siang District Arunachal Pradesh sought for by them under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide their application dated 19-08-2024.

(A) Particular of information: Implementation of AP State CAMPA funds for DFO, Aalo Forest Division, Aalo, West Siang District (A.P) from 2014 to 2024 and all kinds of reserved forest notifications in Aalo Forest Division.

(B) Details of information:

- (i) Project wise chart showing the enumeration of trees, species, and girth wise volume in respect of diversion of forest lands.
- (ii) Project wise statement showing number of trees volume and valuation of trees in respect of diversion of forest lands.
- (iii) Project wise detail estimates for departmental timber operation against extraction of trees in respect of diversion of forest lands.
- (vi) Project wise abstract of Royalty and Departmental timber operation.
- (vii) Project wise detail estimates for creation of compensatory afforestation for diversion of forest lands with maps
- (viii) Project wise certificates from the competent authority regarding suitability area identified for compensatory afforestation.
- (ix) Project wise site inspection reports.
- (x) Year wise amount receipts under AT state CAMPA from the office of PCCF, department of Environment, forest and Climate change, Itanagar, Govt. A.P.
- (xi) Year wise payment made with cheque counterfoils, money receipts and bank statement of DDO/DFO Aalo forest Division and

- (xii) All types of Reserved Forest Notification in Aalo Forest Division with minute of meeting and agreement copies if any.

The appellants herein had requested the PIO for the abovementioned information but failed to obtain the same which prompted them to approach the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the CCF, Central Circle, Pasighat by filing Appeal Memo dt.16.10.2024 under section 19(1) of the RTI Act.

Records further disclose that the FAA, vide letter dt.30.10.2024 returned the appeal to the appellants on the ground that requisite documents have not been enclosed in the application. The FAA had also advised the appellants to re-submit the appeal with the requisite documents within 10 days for early disposal of the appeal. However, there is no record of the hearing conducted by the FAA.

Hence, they filed their 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide their Memo of Appeal dt.13.11.2024 on the ground that the PIO did not respond to their RTI application and the FAA had refused to entertain the First Appeal.

The appeal has, accordingly, been registered in this Commission as APIC-441/2024 and listed for hearing on 14.02.2025 wherein one of the appellants, Shri Japa Tali along accompanied by Advocate Shri Tai Shiva with Vakalatnama were present and the PIO, Shri Gopin Padu, DFO, Aalo Forest Division attended through VC.

Heard the parties.

The appellants, reiterating their demand for the information, submitted that despite their re-submission of appeal with the required documents to the FAA, no hearing by the FAA had been conducted thus compelling them to approach this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act. The PIO, on the other hand, contended by saying that the hearing of the appeal was fixed for two times but the appellants did not turn up. The PIO, however, submitted that the information sought for by the appellants are ready for which a sum of Rs. 620.00 being the cost of documents is to be deposited by the appellant through treasury challan.

This Commission, observed that during the course of hearing, the appellants have agreed to forego the information on 9(nine) points out of 10(ten), but insistent on the copies of Cheque Counterfoils or Money receipt in lieu thereof {Sl. No.(xi)} for the period 2018 to August 2024.

This Commission observes that the request of the appellants appears to be reasonable one and hence directs the PIO to furnish the documents / information {Cheque Counterfoils against Sl. No.(xi)} within a period of 2(two) weeks from today with intimation to this Commission and the appellant shall intimate his satisfaction or otherwise therewith to this Commission whereafter the next date of hearing, if required, shall be fixed and intimated to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 14th February, 2025.

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)


State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 441/2024/444

Dated Itanagar, the 17 February, 2025

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Conservator of Forest-cum- First Appellate Authority, Central Circle, Pasighat Govt of A.P for information and ensuring compliance of this order by the PIO concerned..
2. The PIO, o/o the DFO, Aalo Forest Division, Aalo , West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh for information and compliance.
3. Shri Nibo Pao, Shri Tawa Yomda, Shri Japa Tali Shri Jiten Lora &ors, Polo Colony, Naharlagun, Dist. Papum Pare, Arunachal Pradesh PIN: 791110 Mobile No. 6909933073/938318351 for information.
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