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ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-43/2025.

APPELLANT : Shri Nechang Kamki, Upper Niti Vihar, Itanagar

RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer Yingkiong, District Upper Siang (A.P)

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Nechang Kamki for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Yingkiong, Upper Siang District Arunachal Pradesh as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 27.09.2024.

A) Particular of information: Green India Mission (GIM)

B) Details of information required:

1. How much fund received under your Division from Green India Mission (GIM) since 2021-22 till date.
2. List of works executed from Division from green India Mission (GIM) 2021-22 to till date.
3. List of VFMCs/Contractors where works have been distributed under Green India Mission (GIM) with amount and works carried out departmentally with amount from your Division since 2021-22 to till date ?
4. Geo –Tag and MIS reports of all the sites where works under Green India Mission (GIM) has been executed since 2021-22 to till date.
5. Sanction order copies and Utilization Certificate for Green India Mission (GIM) since 2021-22 to till date.
6. List of species planted, No. of seedlings raised in nurseries and nos. of plantation carried out in each sites from Green India Mission (GIM) under your division 2021-22 to till date.
7. Copy of GST return 3B filed of all the suppliers/contractors before releasing payment.
8. Copy of Advertisement, tender that was floated in the mass media or provide its link for NIT.
9. Copy of winner firm.
10. Copies of all the tender participants firm.

C) Period for which information asked for: 2021-24.

Brief facts emerging from the appeal:

Records in the appeal disclose that the Appellant had sought the aforementioned information/documents from the PIO but apparently failed to obtain the same which prompted him to file his 1st appeal under section 19(1) of the RTI Act before the CCF (Central Circle), Pasighat, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide his Memo of Appeal dt.04.11.24.

Records further reveal that the FAA, in response, had attempted to hear the appeal 3(three) times, the last attempt being on 16.01.2025. However, as recorded in the order dt.23.01.2025 passed by the FAA, the appellant could not attend any of the hearings due to medical issues and in view thereof, the FAA dismissed the appeal and also cancelled the hearing fixed on 22.01.2025. The FAA, however, granted liberty to appellant to prefer his 2nd appeal before this Commission, if dissatisfied with his order.

Hence, this 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act which the appellant had.filed vide his Memo dt.08.01.2025.

Hearing and decision:

This appeal was, accordingly, heard for 3(three) times on 25.04.2025, 16.07.2025 and 17.09.2025.

On 17th September, 2025 the appellant, Shri Nechang Kamki was present in person. The PIO, Shri Atek Sitek, DFO Yingkiong was also present with the requested information/documents on GIM Scheme for the period 2021-22 & 2022-23 and Geo-tag photographs with MIS report for the year 2023-24.

The PIO, who had brought in the requested documents/information, however, submitted that the queries at Sl. No 7 to 10 have not been replied because the works were executed through the Village Forest Management Committee (VFMC) and as such the question of GST, NIT and tender participant firms does not arise which is as per guidelines.

This Commission, after hearing the PIO and after perusing the documents, which appeared to be in form, directed the appellant to go through the documents furnished by the PIO and inform this Commission about his satisfaction or otherwise therewith within one week from the date of receipt of this order for consideration.

In compliance with the direction of the Commission, the appellant Shri Nechang Kamki, vide letter dt. 23rd Sept., 2025 informed that the PIO has not furnished the documents correctly as under:

1. **Serial No. 3** : of application: List of VFMCs/Contractors.
2. **Serial No. 4** : Geo –Tag and MIS reports of all the sites.
3. **Serial No. 6** : List of species planted, Nos of seedlings raised.
4. **Serial No. 7** : Copy of GST return 3B filed by the suppliers/contractors.

This Commission, therefore, felt it appropriate to hear the PIO on the points at Sl. No.3, 4 and 6 above. As regards the query at Sl.7, this Commission accepted the submission of the PIO that since *the works were executed through the Village Forest Management Committee (VFMC), the question of maintaining the records of GST does not arise which was also accepted by this Commission.* The PIO was, however, directed to furnish suitable replies to the points by way of an affidavit and report compliance therewith on 22.10.2025.

This appeal is, thus, listed for hearing today on 22.10.2025 again.

As directed the PIO, Shri Atek Sitek, DFO is present in person while the Appellant is represented by his Ld. Counsel, Advocate Shri Dope Ori.

Heard the parties.

The Ld. Counsel for the appellant submitted that the PIO did furnish the list of VFMCs/contractors but did not furnish their *active registration certificate (Sl.No.3)*. As regards geo-tag and MIS reports, the Counsel did not press for the same. The Counsel also complained that the replies as to the *number of seedling raised* (Sl. No.6) has not been furnished. As regards the GST returns (Sl.No.7), the Counsel demanded that *the guidelines containing the specific exemption* from filing the GST returns by the VFMC be furnished to the appellant.

This Commission considered the request of the Counsel and as there is no impediment in disclosing the aforesaid left out information/documents, directs the PIO to furnish the same within 3(three) weeks and report compliance thereof i.e on or before 15.11.2025 and thereafter, the appellant shall inform this Commission of the receipt of the same failing which this appeal shall stand closed without further notice.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 22nd Oct., 2025.

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

Memo No. APIC- 43/2025/691 Dated Itanagar, the 23 Oct., 2025

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1. The Chief Conservator of Forest Govt. of A.P Central Circle Pasighat East Siang District (A.P), the First Appellate Authority for information.
2. The PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Yingkiong, Upper Siang, Arunachal Pradesh for information.
3. Shri Nechang Kamki, Upper Niti Vihar, Itanagar, Mobile No. 9436872228 for information.
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