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

Vide Case No.APIC-282/2026

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

Miss Bengia Mama

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Executive Engineer, PWD,
Raga, Kamle District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 07.07.2026.

DISMISSAL FOR SECOND APPEAL

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 Miss Bengia Mama on **30/03/2025** filed an RTI application in Form- 'A' before the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer (EE) Raga PWD Division, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellant being not receiving the information from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16/12/2025**, and even then, the Appellant not receiving the required information from the PIO, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **17/03/2026** and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC-No. **282/A/2026** (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **07.07.2026**, wherein the Appellant Miss Bengia Mama is present during the hearing before the Commission.

The PIO-cum-Executive Engineer, PWD, Raga Division, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is represented by Shri Lingdon Nikte, Junior Engineer, PWD, Raga, Kamle District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh during the hearing before the Commission.

1. Brief Facts of the Case:

The Appellant filed an RTI application dated [27/11/2025] seeking various sets of information concerning works, expenditures, and administrative records under the PWD Raga Division. The PIO responded stating that the queries raised were non-specific and broad. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) upheld the PIO's contention. Consequently, the Appellant approached this Commission.

2. Observation of the Commission:

The Commission has carefully perused the RTI application filed by the Appellant. After thorough examination of the queries, the Commission observes the following legal infirmities:

Violation of Section 6(1): Under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, an applicant is required to make a request for "specified" information. The application filed by Miss Bengia Mama is found to be general, vague, and lacks specificity. The Appellant has sought "all documents," "entire records," and "complete details" of various projects without mentioning specific dates, work order numbers, or clear periods, making it impossible for the PIO to identify the exact records.

Applicability of Section 7(9): Section 7(9) of the RTI Act states that information shall be provided in the form in which it is sought unless it would "disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority." The Commission finds that the Appellant's request is so voluminous and ambiguous that compiling such non-specific data would require the PWD Raga Division to deploy its entire workforce solely for this purpose, thereby hampering their core developmental and administrative functions.

3. Legal Precedents:

The Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) places reliance on the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment in *CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay* (2011), wherein it was observed:

"The RTI Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquillity and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty".

Furthermore, the Central Information Commission (CIC) has repeatedly ruled that a PIO cannot be expected to "locate, collect, and collate" non-specific information which is not available in a summarized format. Particularly in this instant appeal, the Appellant has applied for information even before the establishment of the Raga PWD division for the fact remains that Raga PWD division was established in the year 2020 and the Appellant has applied information for the year 2018 to 2025.

4. Decision:

In view of the facts and circumstances mentioned above, the Commission finds that the present Form A application of the Appellant is not in conformity with the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005. A "fishing and roving" inquiry into the affairs of a public authority through an ambiguous application cannot be entertained.

The Commission, therefore, holds that the PIO-cum-Executive Engineer, PWD Raga Division, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh is not under any legal obligation to provide the information in the current form of the application.

5. Order:

Accordingly, the Second Appeal filed by Miss Bengia Mama is hereby dismissed.

However, the Appellant is at liberty to file a fresh, specific, and concise RTI application focusing on particular documents or records as per the requirements of Section 6(1) of the Act.

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

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 7th day of July' 2026.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 7th day of July' 2026.

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

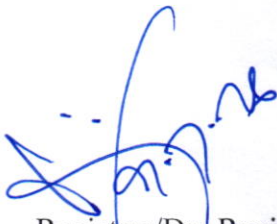
State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar, the 14th July, 2026.

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