



ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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

Vide Case No.APIC-229/2026

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

Shri Ashok Sangbia

..... Appellant

-VERSUS-

PIO-Cum-Superintending Engineer, RWC,
Rupa Circle, West Kameng District,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

..... Respondent.

Order: 10.09.2026.

JUDGMENT

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI Act 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellant, Shri Ashok Sangbia on **27/11/2025**, filed an RTI application in form 'A' before the PIO-cum- SE Rural Works Circle Rupa West Kameng District Bomdila 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 **05/1/2025**. Appellant again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Second Appeal before the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on **17/07/2026**, and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC- No. 229/A/2026 (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly, matter came up for hearing before the Commission on **2/07/2026 & 10/9/2026**

Details of Information sought from the PIO;

- (A) Certified copy of Category of all the work charged (W/C) staff serving under your circle.
- (B) Certified Copy of Appointment letter of all the W/C staff serving under your circle.
- (C) Certified Copy of Place of posting of all the W/C staffs serving under your circle.
- (D) Certified copy of DPC Board member officers name & design along with videography during conducting DPC board, including trade test (TT) marks in details of all the W/C staff serving under your circle, if conducted DPC.
- (E) Certified copy of approval from competent authority CE/Cabinet Minister, commissioner recruited/Advertised to all the W/C staff serving under your circle.
- (F) Certified Copy of present strength of all the W/C staff under serving your circle.
- (G) Certified Copy of new strength of or against retirement or vacate of all the W/C staff serving under your circle.
- (H) Certified Copy of total sanction strength of all the W/C staff serving under your circle.
- (I) Certified copy of Recruitments rule (RR) of W/C staffs' approval from Administrative Reforms (AR) Department Govt. of (A.P)
- (J) Certified copy of attendance register of all the W/C Staffs serving under your circle.
- (K) Certified Copy of Service identity card sign & seal of competent authority along with working contacts No. of all the W/C staff serving under your circle.
- (L) Certified copy of name & working contact Number of Chief Engineer and Superintending Engineer who appointed to all the W/C Staff serving under your circle.
- (M) Certified copy of E-Data of all the W/C staff serving under your circle. (n)

- (N) Certified copy of Joining Report/letter of all the W/C staff serving under your circle.
- (O) Certified copy of all the supporting documents like as ST, SC, OBC, PRC, Aadhar card, educational qualification etc. of all the W/C Staff serving under your circle.
- (P) Certified copy of Date of Retirement (DR) of all the W/C staff serving under your Circle.
- (Q) Certified copy of Note sheet/OM/Recommendation letter from Ministers/ Advisor to HM, HMLA, s Chief Engineer etc. to all the W/C staff serving under your Circle.

In the 2nd hearing held on 10th Sep'2026, related to the APIC No- 229/2026. The Appellant absent consecutively for the second time though he was absent in the 1st hearing with a letter of absence but today he is absent again without reporting the reason for his absence before the Commission.

The PIO--cum SE RWC Rupa Circle West Kameng District , Govt of Arunachal Pradesh is represented by the EE (RWD) Rupa Circle.

Heard the representative of the PIO.

The representative of the PIO stated that the information as applied by the Appellant in his form 'A cannot be furnished by the PIO -cum-SE, Rupa RWC Circle for the fact that the appointment of WC Staff(s) or any other staff(s) is not done by the PIO's office rather it is appointed and posted by the office of the SE Coordination, Chief Engineer, RWD, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh which is a different office from office of the instant Respondent PIO and as ordered by the Hon'ble Court of the State Information Commission (SIC) on dated 2/07/2026, the office of the instant PIO has transferred the form 'A of the Appellant to the competent authority that is, to the office of the SE Coordination under office of the Chief Engineer RWD Govt of Arunachal Pradesh.

By executing the order of the Hon'ble Court of the SIC the instant Respondent PIO does not have further liabilities towards the Appellant and therefore this appeal may be disposed of, as office of the instant PIO has done his part as per the rules of the RTI Act 2005.

After hearing the Representative of the PIO the Commission hereby observes;

- i) The Appellant has been consecutively absent in the hearings despite notified with notice for hearing at his address as given in his form 'A', which amply prove that the Appellant is not serious with this appeal and this appeal is filed with a vested interest just to harass the PIO and waste the precious time of the court of the APIC.
- ii) The fact that the appointment of any type of staff(s) under the instant PIO in the present appeal is a universal fact within the State of Arunachal Pradesh which is known by everyone about the rule that is prevalent under works department in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and no one can take plea that he is unaware of the rules of the law of the land.
- iii) Considering the statements of the PIO as well as going through the form 'A' of the Appellant the Commission is of the opinion that the Appellant being a literate person should know where to file application for information and being a literate person one cannot file application where he or she is also in the know that he/she is not going to get the information from that authority and therefore, the form 'A of the Appellant filed before the instant PIO is infructious.
- iv) The PIO in the instant appeal carried out the rules under RTI Act 2005 by transferring the form 'A of the Appellant to the competent authority from where the Appellant can obtain the information
- v) With the above observations it is very clear that the Appellant has not filed the form 'A before the competent authority for which the PIO has transferred the form 'A of

the Appellant to the Competent Authority, and therefore, the Commission does not find any reason to further hear this appeal when the respondent PIO is not the competent authority to furnish the information to the Appellant.

- vi) Taking into consideration of the above observations and the fact that the instant Respondent PIO has done his part in forwarding the form 'A' of the Appellant to the competent authority, the Commission hereby dispose of this appeal and close it.

Judgment pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this **10th day of Sept' 2026.**

Copy of this Judgment be furnished to the parties.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this **10th day of Sept' 2026.**

Sd/-

(Vijay Taram)

State Information Commissioner
APIC-Itanagar

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Dated Itanagar, the 11th September, 2026.

Copy to:

1. PIO-O/O-Supeerintending Engineer, RWC, Rupa Circle,, W/KamengDistrict, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please. **Pin Code:790003**
2. Shri Ashok Sangbia, Model Village, Seppa, E/Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh for information please. **Contact No. 8119994490**
- ✓ 3. The Computer Programmer, APIC for uploading on the Website of APIC and mail it to the concerned department please.
4. Office Copy

P. Rao 11/09/26

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APIC, Itanagar.

Deputy Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar