



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC- 193/2026.

APPELLANT : Shri Lidu Rida, Tato.
RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the DLRSO, Shi Yomi District, Tato.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Lidu Rida for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the DLRSO Shi Yomi District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 07.11.2025.

A) Particulars of information: Disbursement land compensation for Lugi and Luyi land.

● **B) Details of Information:** ● ● ●

1. Certified copy of disbursement records of amount related to the Lugi and Luyi land.
2. Name of the beneficiaries to whom the compensation amount was released.
3. Total amount credited to the beneficiary.
4. Date of disbursement and mode of payment (Cheque/ DD/ Online transfer)
5. Provide copy of sanction orders, approval notes, and correspondence related to the said disbursement.
6. State the Authority of officer who approved the payment despite the matter being sub-judice.
7. Provide details any action taken by or proceedings initiated by the Deputy Commissioner office of the being informed that the case is sub-judice in the Hon'ble COURT OC CIVIL JUDGE (SENIOR DIVISION), Aalo, West Siang district Arunachal Pradesh, therefore it has requested to disburse the above said land compensation amount to any party's involved in the case until the case is solved and all the relevant document of the same land case which are not mentioning here.
- 8.

Brief facts emerging from the appeal :

Records emerging from the appeal disclose that the appellant, Shri Lidu Rida, had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information / documents but failed to obtain the same which prompted him to appeal before the Deputy Commissioner, Shi Yomi District, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) under Section 19 (1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Memo of Appeal dt. 16.12.2025 .

Records further reveal that FAA conducted hearing on 15.01.2026 and vide order dt.16.01.2026 (as reproduced below), directed the PIO to furnish all the requisite information within 15 (fifteen) days as sought for by the appellant in the application dt. 16.12.2025.

“//ORDER//

NO.SHY/FAA-02/2025-26/1034

Dated Tato the 16th of Jan/2026

Whereas, Mr.Lidu Rida has filed an application U/S 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 in the office of FAA-cum-DC, Shi Yomi District.

And whereas, the applicant did not receive any information as stated in his application dated 8/10/2025 and prayed before the court of Deputy Commissioner-cum-First Appellate Authority for early hearing of the case.

Therefore, a hearing was conducted on 15.01.2026 both appellant along with his counsel and concerned PIO (DLR&SO-Shi Yomi District) were present.

And therefore, as agreed upon by both the parties the concerned PIO is hereby directed to furnish all requisite information within 15 (fifteen) days as sought by the appellant in his application dated 16.12.2025.

Enclosed with: as stated above.

Sd/-

(Tungge Loya)

Deputy Commissioner,

Shi-Yomi District, Tato (A.P). ”

Records further disclose that in compliance with the FAA's aforesaid direction, the PIO, vide his letter dt.02.02.2026, had furnished the replies/information to the appellant as under:

“Sir,

With reference to your application No.71/25 Dt.07.11.2025, regarding furnishing of information under Right to Information Act,2005. I am furnishing herewith the following information pertaining to this office records available as sought by you:

1. Copy of Individual Award No. SHY/LM-23/Tato-Taliha/2023/49 Total compensation Award Rs.10764943.33 and Award No. SHY/LM-23/Tato-Taliha/2023/50 Total Compensation Award Rs. 2196250.00 :2(Two) Pages and Copy of Bill Chainage No. 118100 to 119760 (Lugi-Luyi land):1(One) Pages.
2. Compensation amount was released to Shri Ramesh Ragshap.
3. Total Amount credited Rs. 3,27,54,989.00. Rs. 1 29,61,193.33 for Chainage No. 118100 to 119760 (for Lugi-Luyi land).
4. Already furnished vide this office letter dated 12/11/2025.
- 5.Copy of Govt. approval vide letter No. LMD-13/7/2023/2238 Dated 06.03.2025:1(One) Page and Copy of Final Award Notification Dated 22.04.2025(Award under Section 23 of RFCTLARR Act'2013 :2(Two) Pages.
- 6.Payment was made by the Deputy Commissioner, Tato on the basis of legal opinion of the Ld. Standing Counsel for the Deputy Commissioner, Shi-Yomi District, Tato (copies enclosed)
- 7.Copy of 3(Three) application Dated 18.07.2025, 04.09.2025 and 01.10.2025 submitted by shri | Ramesh Rakshap : 7(Seven) Pages and Copy of action taken letter Dated 03.10.2025 1(One) Page and copy of letter Dated 06.10.2025 :1(One)Page. Above para 6 may kindly be referred to.

This is for your kind information.

Enclosed : As stated above.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

Public Information Officer

District Land Revenue & Settlement Officer

Shi Yomi District, Tato. ”

The appellant, however, filed his 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19(30) of the RTI Act, 2005 his Memo of Appeal dt. 06.02.2026 on the ground, inter alia, that the PIO not only violated the provisions of section 7(1) and wilfully disobeyed the order passed by the FAA but also acted in malafide and evasive manner attracting penal action under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

This Commission, however, noticed that the relief sought by the appellant (as reproduced below) in his appeal memo before this Commission do not match with his RTI queries in his application dt.07.11.2025 in Form-A. This Commission's adjudication on this appeal was, therefore, confined to only those queries listed in the appellant's RTI application dt.07.11.2025.

"PART-E : RELIEF SOUGHT

The Appellant most respectfully prays that that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

1. *Hold that the Respondent has failed to j Highway from 15 km to 30 KM, including:*
 - *Award Sheets under Section 23, RFCTLARR Act, 2013;*
 - *Sanction notes and approval orders;*
 - *File notings and movement registers;*
 - *Correspondence between DC, DLR SO, Treasury and Gaon Burahs;*
 - *Measurement Books (MBs);*
 - *Valuation and compensation calculation sheets;*
 - *Reasons/approvals for releasing compensation during pendency of civil litigation;*
2. *Initiate penalty proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act against the Respondent;*
3. *Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) of the RTI Act;*
4. *Pass any other order deemed fit in the interest of justice and transparency."*

This appeal was, accordingly, listed on 20th May, 2026 wherein the PIO, Shri Miki Boje, DLR & SO appeared through VC while the appellant was represented by Advocate, Shri Lika Francis Doke.

Hearing and decision:

This Commission, upon hearing the parties and on perusal of the relief sought for by the appellant in his appeal vis-à-vis the replies furnished by the PIO in his letter dt.02.02.2026, found that except for the queries Nos. 6 and 7, the replies to the preceding queries (1 to 5) were furnished adequately, subject to their correctness to be proved in a competent court of law if an occasion so arise. The replies to the queries 6 and 7 were, however, not specific rather they appeared to be vague in that the applicant/appellant, vide query No.6, had requested for the particulars of authority or officer authorising or according approval to the payment/release of the compensation amount while the replies of the PIO speaks about advice of the Standing Counsel. As regards the appellant's query No.7, the PIO had referred to letter dt. 03.10.2025 (from the Dy. Commissioner to the Standing Counsel seeking legal advice regarding a Keba decision dt.13.06.2025 in Puchik Rakshap Clan Vs. Eling Ragmuk and ors on payment of compensation) and letter dt.06.10.2025 (from the S/Counsel to the DC, rendering his legal advice). The correspondence between the DC and the S/Counsel was silent about a case being sub-judice in the Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) Aalo, to which the appellant's query pertained.

The replies to those 2(two) queries, therefore, needed to be specific and unambiguous. For instance, the PIO needed to first admit or deny the existence of an appeal pending before the court of Civil Judge (Sr. Division) against the Keba decision dt.13.06.2026 as contended by the appellant and restraintment order, if any, therein, If no such appeal is pending, the question of furnishing the reply to query No.6 does not arise.

The PIO was, hence, directed to furnish the specific replies as above to the 2(two) queries as per the appellant's RTI application dt.07.11.2026 so as not attract the provisions of section 18(1)(e), being incomplete, misleading or false information, and consequential penal action under section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO was, thus, directed to comply with the direction as above in right earnest and report the compliance thereof to this Commission on 10.07.2026.

Today on 10.07.2026, the PIO appeared through VC again while the appellant was also again represented by his Counsel, Shri Lika Francis Doke.

Herad the PIO, who submitted that the left out information/replies have since been furnished to the appellant via whatsapp the forwarding copy whereof has been obtained from him during the course of hearing which is reproduced below:

"Sir,

With reference to the Order dated 22 May 2026 of the Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, APIC Itanagar, I am furnishing herewith the replies to the queries 6 and 7 of your application filed u/s 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide your application dated 07/11/2025.

The information sought under queries 6 && were as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars of information sought	Remarks
06.	<i>State the authority or officer who approved the payment despite the matter being sub-judice</i>	<i>Payment was approved by the Deputy Commissioner, Shi-Yomi District, Tato.</i>
07.	<i>Provide details of any action taken by or proceedings initiated by the Deputy Commissioner Office after being informed that the case is sub-judice in the Hon'ble Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division), Aalo, West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. Therefore, it was requested not to disburse the above said land compensation amount to any party involved in the case until the case is solved and all the relevant documents of the same land case which are not mentioning here.</i>	<i>Action initiated or taken as per file records enclosed herewith as "Quote" and "Unquote".</i>

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(DLRSO) PIO

o/o the DC Shi Yomi District, Tato."

This Commission upon perusal of the information / replies furnished by the PIO as above, concludes that this appeal does not require any further adjudication in this Commission which the Ld. Counsel for the appellant also fairly agrees. Consequently, this appeal as consented to by the Ld. Counsel, stands disposed of and closed.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 10th July, 2026.

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

Memo No. APIC-193/2026 / 1357

Dated Itanagar, the 15 July, 2026

Copy to:

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Shi Yomi District, Tato, the First Appellate Authority (F.A.A) for information.
2. The PIO, o/o the DLR & SO, Shi Yomi District, (Pin code-791001), for information.
3. Shri Lidu Rida, Tato Shi Yimi District (Pin code-791001), (Phone No. 6909709959) for information.
- ✓ 4. The Computer Programmer/Computer Operator for uploading on the website of APIC, please.
5. Office Copy.
6. S/Copy.

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APIC, Itanagar

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