



## ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION

### ITANAGAR.

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

Case No. APIC-215/2026.

(Summon to appear in person)

(Or.5, R.3 of CPC)

**APPELLANT** : Shri Besamso Tayang, Tezu, Lohit District, A.P.

**RESPONDENT** : The PIO, o/o the DFO, Lohit Forest Division, Lohit District.

### ORDER/SUMMONS

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Besamso Tayang for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the DFO, Lohit Forest Division, Lohit District as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 29.08.2025.

**A) Particulars of information:** - Furnish the following information with respect to "CA & NPV component of the state CAMPA with respect to Lohit Forest Division from 2020-21 to 2022-23.

**B) Details of Information:** -

1. Furnish the notification's published in the official gazette for acquiring lands by the government of Arunachal Pradesh as Reserve Forest/Proposed Reserve Forest/Anchal Reserve Forest in the Lohit Forest Division since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.
2. Furnish the list of works activities undertaken along with Completion Certificate and Utilization Certificate (for completed works/activities) and Progress Report (for ongoing works/activities) since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.
3. Furnish the list of forest range/beats in Lohit Forest Division where the works/activities have taken place since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.
4. Furnish a copy of Notice Inviting Tender for works/activities undertaken in the Lohit Forest Division since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.
5. Furnish the list of winners of firms for each works/activities undertaken in the Lohit Forest Division since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.
6. Furnish the Sanction Order (both 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment) of the works/activities in Lohit Forest Division since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.
7. Furnish the list of plantation watcher and plantation supervisors appointed in the Lohit Forest Division along with a copy of their Security Deposit since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.
8. Furnish the notification/advertisement for recruitment of plantation watchers and plantation supervisors in the Lohit Forest Division since 2020-2021 to 2022-23.

**(C) Period for which information asked for:- 2020-2023.**

### Brief facts emerging from the appeal:

Records emerging from the appeal disclose that the Appellant, Shri Besamso Tayang had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information / documents but failed to obtain the same which prompted him to appeal before the Chief Conservator of Forest, Eastern Arunachal Circle, Tezu as the First Appellate Authority (F.A.A) under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act vide his Appeal Memo dated 28.10.2025.

Records further reveal that the FAA conducted the hearing on 26.12.2025 and disposed the appeal with the observation that since the appellant has sought information for multiple years and multiple projects, the PIO-cum-DFO Lohit has committed to provide for 1 (one) financial year within reasonable time.

The appellant, apparently, dissatisfied with the FAA's order as above, preferred his second appeal before this Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act 2005 vide Memo of Appeal dated 27.01.2026.

Accordingly this appeal is listed today on 22.05.2025 wherein the appellant Shri Besamso Tayeng is present through VC but the PIO is absent.

Heard the appellant who submitted that he is not satisfied with the order of the FAA for furnishing the requested information for only 1(one) financial year and reiterated his demand for the information for the entire period as per his RTI application.

This Commission, upon perusal of the list of information requested by the appellant observes that the information /documents requested by the appellant is, indeed, voluminous as it pertains to multiple number of schemes and for 4(four) financial years (2020-21 to 2022-23). During the course of hearing the appellant was suggested to prioritise his request for the documents, but he submitted that the information/replies to all the queries are important which have been requested in public interest.

In adverting to the appeal, this Commission deems it relevant to refer to the principle of law settled by the Apex Court in the case of CBSE & Anr. Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay & ors. in Civil Appeal No.6456 of 2011 whereby the Hon'ble Court in its order dt. 09.08.2011, held that right to information is a cherished right and that right to information which are the tools to bring transparency and accountability should be enforced strictly. The Apex court at the same time, however, held that indiscriminate and impractical demand for disclosure of all sundry information not related to transparency and accountability in the functioning of the public authority would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration.

What emerges from the principle of law as above is that the provisions of the RTI Act are to be implemented by harmonizing the rights of the citizen under the RTI Act on the one hand and the efficient and unobstructed functioning of the public authorities on the other.

In the light of the above principle of law, this Commission directs the appellant to prioritise his demand for the information/documents and submit a revised request specifying clearly the points relevant to transparency and accountability and on receipt whereof the PIO shall furnish the replies /documents in a tabular form with proper paging /indexing in a phased manner within a period spanning 4(four) months and it is made clear that if the o/o the PIO does not hold any of the requested information, he shall furnish appropriate explanation/reason therefor on an affidavit as required by section 7(8)(i) r/w section 18(3)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005 and Rule 5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.

The appellant shall comply with the direction within 1(one) week from the date of receipt of this order and the PIO shall comply with the direction within 4(four) months of the receipt of the revised request from the appellant and report the compliance thereof on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2026 the next date of hearing.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 22th May, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE**, you are hereby summoned to appear in person or online in the Hon'ble Court of Shri Sangyal Tsering Bappu, SIC in person on **07.10.2026 (Wednesday) at 10.30 am** to answer the claims, and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your claims/defense.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance, on the day above- mentioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

To avail online hearing please at least notify or get in touch one day prior to the hearing, download "**WEBEX MEETING APP**" from Google Play store. For further technical assistance Shri Himanshu Verma, IT Consultant (Mobile no. 8319014957) maybe contacted.

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)

State Information Commissioner,  
APIC, Itanagar

Memo No. APIC- 215/2026 / 8555 Dated Itanagar, the 26 May, 2026

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Conservative of forest (CCF) Tezu, Lohit District Govt. of AP, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO concerned.
2. The PIO, o/o the DFO, Lohit Forest Division, Tezu (AP), Pin code-792001 for information and compliance..
3. Shri Besamso Tayang, village -Telluliang DIC Colony, Tezu, Lohit District PIN: 792001 Mobile No. 7085114984 for information.
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