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An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC- 99/2026.

APPELLANT : Shri Riya Taram, Huto colony Jollang.
RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the EE, Yupia Electrical Division.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Riya Taram for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o theEE Yupia Electrical Division, Papum Pare District A.P as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 06.10.2025.

A. **Particular of information:** To furnish all the relevant information against the work carried out under the Funding head of Accounts 4801- Maintenance of ASSETS for :

1. Year 2021-22= Rs.58.00/-
2. Year 2022-23=Rs.182.00/-
3. Year 2023-24=Rs.311.00/-
4. Year 2024-25=Rs.161.00/-

Total amount= Rs. 682.63/-

B. **Details of information required:**

1. Give the Name of Scheme/Works/Supply Order List with Sanction amount against above mentioned amount.
2. Give the Certify Copy of Notice Inviting Tender(NIT)/work Order/Supply order/Technical Sanction(TS) Copy/first & final bill Copy with details of contractor/firm bill payment Such as Scan copy of Cheque leaf/demand draft/banker cheque/Pay In Slip for NEFT/RTGS slip in respect of above mentioned amount.
3. Furnish the Geo-tag of Work i.e Before Starting of Work, Ongoing of Work and after Completion of Work of all the above Specified work with amount.
4. Give the Contractors/firms/enterprise bill Payment money Received List with their identity Proof evidence documents such as coloring Xerox copy of Aadhar Card/domicile certificate/Voter id Card/mobile number/3 nos pass photo size of Person who received the bill payment against above mentioned work with amount.
5. Give the Name of Contractors & Enterprise/firms owners with their identity proof evidence documents such as Coloring Xerox copy of Trading License with Contact number/Aadhar Card/domicile certificate/voter id card of firm/enterprise Proprietor/Owner in respect of above mentioned work with amount.
6. Give the money receipt/cash memo of Supply materials/Quantity/Rate/amount of items/Quotation/carriage vehicle number with photo/challan.
7. Give the Coloring Xerox copy of both the pages of Trading License with Letter pads.

8. Give the Name Bidders who Participated in the Technical & financial bids along with Comparative Statement/Hand receipt with payee name/integrity pad signed between bidders and Executive Engineer in respect of above Specified work with amount.
9. Give the details of MB Records/Cashbook Statement of all the above Specified work with amount.
10. Give the Certified Coloring Photocopy of all the Work Sites/Material Supply items by Concern Pio.
11. Give the Copy of GST Return filed for work/Supply work wise or year wise with showing the deduction of % against each firm and work/Supply work wise during the year like GST.
12. Give the name of Officers & Officials who executed the abovementioned Amount & Works.
13. Give details of Enlistment of contractor as per work department Rules Act 2008.
14. Give details of proprietor of firm/Registration of certificate.
15. Give the money deposited Challan of Govt. account against GST/Royalty by EE department/firm in work wise.
16. Give the List of amount Transaction from EE division account to all the AE Sub-division account against above mentioned amount in year wise/work wise.
17. Furnish the authorization letter of EE/SE/CE Eastern Zone to all the AE Sub-division for Opened and Operated Separate Bank account and Issued cheque at AE Sub-division level in the name of Assistant Engineer power Sub-division with their contact number/Aadhar card/Job ID Card of all the AE, Who Operated the account. Also Please give Cheque leaf of each.

C. Period for which information asked for: 2021-2025.

Brief facts emerging from the appeal and the decision:

Records emerging from the appeal disclosed that the appellant, Shri Riya Taram had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information/documents in response whereof the PIO, o/o the EE(E), Yupia Electrical Division, vide his letters dt.12.11.2025 and dt.24.11.025, replied to the appellant that the information sought for are not specific but are voluminous in nature and covers multiple years. The RTI application was, thus, returned to the appellant with advice to file fresh application seeking specific information. Disappointed with the response of the PIO, the appellant filed his 1st appeal before the Chief Engineer (Power), Western Electrical Zone, Itanagar, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide his Memo of Appeal dtd. 17.11.2025.

Records further disclosed that the FAA conducted the hearing on 12.12.2025 but the appellant did not attend the hearing in view whereof the FAA passed an ex-parte order dt.16.12.2025 endorsing the PIO's replies to the appellant that information sought for is not specific and further directing the appellant to file fresh application specifically mentioning the exact details required and indicating the correct denomination of the monetary figure for each financial year.

However, the appellant, not satisfied with the response of the FAA and the PIO, preferred his 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19 (3) of the RTI Act. 2005 vide his Memo of appeal dt. 16.01.2026.

Hearing and decision:

This appeal was accordingly, listed and heard on 08.05.2026 wherein both the PIO, Er. Shri Rajesh Dawe, EE (E) were present in person.

The PIO, reiterating his replies to the appellant and FFA's order, submitted that unless the appellant files fresh RTI application specifying clearly the correct denomination of the amount figure (whether in thousands or in lakhs/crores), it will not be possible to furnish any information to the appellant. The appellant, on the other hand, stated that the amount shown are ***in lakhs*** which was not mentioned inadvertently. The appellant further complained that both the FAA and the PIO knew that the amount figures are in lakhs but they took the non-description of denomination as an excuse to deny him the requested information/documents. The PIO, however, submitted that the requested documents are available but adequate time would be required for collation of the documents for the 4(four) financial years.

This Commission, upon hearing the parties and considering their submission, concluded that in order that the objectives of the RTI Act is achieved in letter and spirit, the appellant be furnished with the requested information and accordingly, the PIO was directed to make an endeavour to furnish the information within a period of 60(sixty) days from the date of receipt of order dt. 08.05.2026 and report the compliance thereof on 8th July, 2026. The appellant was also directed to intimate this Commission of the receipt of the documents from the PIO within the same deadline.

Today on 08.07.2026 both the PIO, Er.Shri Rajesh Dawe and the appellant, Shri Riya Taram are present in person.

The PIO submitted that the requested information have been furnished to the appellant vide letter dt.26.06.2026 a copy whereof is reproduced hereunder:

Sl. No.	Information sought	Replies
1	Give the Name ofScheme/Works/Supply Order List with Sanction amount against above mentioned amount.	The name of Scheme is Head of Account 4801 Maintenance of Assets and the copy of Work Order is enclosed herewith which contains 152 pages i.e. Page No. 1. to 152.
2	Give the Certify Copy of Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)/work Order/Supply order/Technical Sanction(TS) Copy/first & final bill Copy with details of contractor/firm bill payment Such as Scan copy of Cheque leaf/demand draft/banker cheque/Pay In Slip for NEFT/RTGS slip in respect of above mentioned amount.	The information sought regarding Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) and Technical Sanction (TS) is not available, as the works executed under Head of Account 4801 Maintenance of Assets pertain to petty maintenance and emergency restoration works such as rectification of line faults, flood damage, landslide damage due to monsoon, cyclone damage and other maintenance-related works, which were undertaken through issuance of Work Orders/Supply Orders as per the prevailing procedure. Accordingly, no NIT was invited and no separate Technical Sanction was accorded for such minor works.

		However, the copy of First and Final Bills along with schedules, Counterfoil copies of Government Treasury Cheques/ Banker's Cheque is enclosed herewith which contains 1257 pages from Page No.153 to 1409. The information relating to NEFT/RTGS slips is not available, as payments were made through Government Treasury Cheques.
3	Furnish the Geo-tag of Work i.e Before Starting of Work, Ongoing of Work and after Completion of Work of all the above Specified work with amount.	The information sought regarding Geo-tagged photographs of the works before commencement, during execution and after completion is not available in the records of this office same as the reason stated in Serial No 2. Maintenance works are not covered under any scheme requiring mandatory Geo-tagging, MIS monitoring or uploading of geo-coordinates. The works are basically emergent in nature so Work Order -Head 4801 were issued as and when required.
4	Give the Contractors/firms/enterprise bill Payment money Received List with their identity Proof evidence documents such as coloring Xerox copy of Aadhar Card/domicile certificate/Voter id Card/mobile number/3 nos pass photo size of Person who received the bill payment against above mentioned work with amount.	Payment is made through Government Treasury Cheques. The relevant payment particulars, including extracts of the CAM-10 FORM (Register of Cheques Drawn), are enclosed herewith which contains 10 pages from Page No. 1410 to 1419. The payment particulars are already enclosed in serial No 2 and. Aadhaar Cards, Domicile Certificates, Voter Identity Cards, Mobile Numbers and Passport-size Photographs of contractors, firm proprietors or persons receiving payment, these documents are not required to be furnished by contractors/suppliers for processing and disbursement of payments under the works concerned. Further, personal information would come under the provisions of Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, being personal information, the disclosure of which would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individuals concerned.
5	Give the Name of Contractors & Enterprise/firms owners with their identity proof evidence documents such as Coloring Xerox copy of Trading License with Contact number/Aadhar Card/domicile certificate/voter id card of firm/enterprise Proprietor/Owner in respect of above mentioned work with amount.	The names of the contractors, firms and enterprises engaged in the execution of works/supplies are already given in Work Order and Work Abstracts. The information for Contact Numbers, Aadhaar Cards, Domicile Certificates, Trading License, and Voter Identity Cards of contractors, firm proprietors or owners, are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, being personal information, the disclosureof which would result in an

		unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individuals concerned.
6	Give the money receipt/cash memo of Supply materials/Quantity/Rate/amount of items/Quotation/carriage vehicle number with photo/challan.	No separate money receipt. However, payment in respect of the works/supplies is made through Government Treasury Cheques. The particulars of materials supplied, including description of items, quantities, rate and amount, are already in Work Orders and the Schedules attached to the First & Final Bills. Quotations, cash memos, carriage vehicle numbers, vehicle photographs and challans, are not available. Maintenance of Assets are executed based on the approved DOP Rate Based copy enclosed herewith which contains 366 pages from Page No. 1420 to 1785.
7	Give the Coloring Xerox copy of both the pages of Trading License with Letter pads.	The copy of letter pad cannot be finished as no such records are available. As regards copies of Trading Licences, the same contain personal and third-party information relating to proprietors/owners, including personal particulars and other information furnished to the licensing authority. Disclosure of such information would involve third-party interests and is not considered necessary for any larger public interest. The information is exempt from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Further, the information relates to third parties and attracts the provisions of Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005.
8	Give the Name Bidders who Participated in the Technical & financial bids along with Comparative Statement/Hand receipt with payee name/integrity pad signed between bidders and Executive Engineer in respect of above Specified work with amount.	Cannot be furnished same as the reason given in Serial No.2.

9	Give the details of MB Records/Cashbook Statement of all the above Specified work with amount.	The copy of Cash Book is enclosed herewith which contains 68 pages from Page No. 1786 to 1853. Measurement Book (MB) comprise numerous routine maintenance and emergency restoration works carried out over the period from 2021 to March 2025. The Measurement Book records relating to suchworks are voluminous and form part of the original departmental records. Accordingly, the applicant may inspect the relevant Measurement Book records on any working day during office hours after prior intimation, in terms of Section 2(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Copies of specific pages identified during inspection may be provided on payment of the prescribed fee under the RTI Rules.
10	Give the Certified Coloring Photocopy of all the Work Sites/Material Supply items by Concern Pio.	Certified copies of photographs of the work sites and maintenance works carried out under Head of Account 4801 Maintenance of Assets, as available in the records of this office, are enclosed herewithwhich contains 119 pages from Page No. 1854 to 1972. It is submitted that the information has been furnished to the extent available in the records maintained by this office
11	Give the Copy of GST Return filed for work/Supply work wise or year wise with showing the deduction of % against each firm and work/Supply work wise during the year like GST.	Copies of the GST-TDS Returns (GSTR-7) is enclosed herewith which contains 40 pages from Page No. 1973 to 2012. GSTR-7 is a consolidated GST-TDS return containing details of tax deducted at source in respect of all schemes, works and supplies of the Division during the relevant period. No separate GSTR-7 return is maintained exclusively for Head of Account 4801 - Maintenance of Assets.

12	Give the name of Officers & Officials who executed the abovementioned Amount & Works.	The name of Officer and Official are Er. Rajesh Dawe, Er. Nabum Gamin, Er. Nich Raja, Er. Techi Tajo.
13	Give details of Enlistment of contractor as per work department Rules Act 2008.	The works executed under Head of Account 4801 Maintenance of Assets pertain to petty maintenance and emergency restoration works undertaken on a work order basis as per the prevailing procedure. Enlistment of contractors under the Works Department Rules, 2008 was not required for the execution of such works.
14	Give details of proprietor of firm/Registration of certificate.	The names of the firms/proprietors are available in the Work Orders, Work Abstracts and FF Bills and other connected records. No separate Registration Certificates of firms are available.
15	Give the money deposited Challan of Govt. account against GST/Royalty by EE department/firm in work wise.	Copies of the GST-TDS Returns (GSTR-7) filed by this office, TR-5(A) challans relating to royalty remitted through the e-GRAS Portal and TR-6 Treasury Challans are enclosed herewith which contains 32 pages from Page No. 2013 to 2044. It is submitted that the GSTR-7 returns and royalty remittance challans are maintained in a consolidated form and are not maintained separately on a work-wise basis for Head of Account 4801-Maintenance of Assets.
16	Give the List of amount Transaction from EE division account to all the AE Sub-division account against above mentioned amount in year wise/work wise.	No separate account is maintained for transfer of funds from the Executive Engineer Division to the Assistant Engineer Sub-Divisions. Payments are made directly to the contractors/suppliers through Government Treasury Cheques. So, no year-wise or work-wise transaction records between the Division to Sub-Divisions is available.

17	Furnish the authorization letter of EE/SE/CE Eastern Zone to all the AE Sub-division for Opened and Operated Separate Bank account and Issued cheque at AE Sub-division level in the name of Assistant Engineer power Sub-division with their contact number/Aadhar card/Job ID Card of all the AE, Who Operated the account. Also Please give Cheque leaf of each.	No authorization letter from the Executive Engineer/Superintending Engineer/Chief Engineer, Western Zone, has been issued for opening and operating separate bank accounts at the Assistant Engineer Sub-Divisions in connection with the works under Head of Account 4801. No separate bank accounts are opened or operated by the Assistant Engineer Sub-Divisions for works and no cheques are issued. Payments are made directly to the contractors/suppliers through Government Treasury Cheques. Further, the information sought regarding contact numbers, Aadhaar Cards and Job Identity Cards of Assistant Engineers constitutes personal information and is exempt from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Above mentioned documents may be collected on 01.07.2026.

Your faithfully,

Sd/-

Er. Rajesh Dawe, PIO."

The appellant submitted that the PIO has furnished the requested information but did not furnish the names of the Proprietors of the Firms who executed the works (Query No.5), the copy of Money Receipts (Query No.6) and the copy of Trading Licenses (Query No.7).

This Commission observes that those left out information/documents are not exempted under section 8 of the RTI Act which has been cited as the reason for denying the said information by the PIO.

In view of above, the PIO is directed to furnish the aforesaid 3(three) left out information/ documents***minus*** the personal information of the proprietors of the firm, such as Adhaar Card, Contact number etc. (being exempted under section-8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, as amended by **THE DIGITAL PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT, 2023)** to the appellant within 2(two) weeks from the date of receipt of this order and the appellant shall intimate the receipt thereof to this Commission within 1(one) week of the receipt from the PIO failing which this appeal shall stand closed without any further notice. It is made clear that if any of the aforesaid documents /information are not held by the o/o the PIO, he shall declare so on an affidavit as required ***under*** *section 7(8)(i) r/w sections 18(3)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005 and rule-5(vi) of the AP Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005.*

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 8th July, 2026.

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

Memo No. APIC-99/2026 /736 **Dated Itanagar, the** 10th **July, 2026**

Copy to:

1. TheChief Engineer (Power), Western Electrical Zone Itanagar, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.
2. The PIO, o/o the EE, Yupia Electrical Division, Papum Pare District A.P PIN: 791110 for information and compliance.
3. Shri Riya Taram, Huto colony Jollang PIN: 791113 Mobile NO. 9383103387/ 9402443699 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.