



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC-397/2026.

APPELLANT : Shri Naw Seng Sikheth, Bordumsa, District Changlang.

RESPONDENT : The PIO, o/o the EE (PHE) Bordumsa Division, Changlang.

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Naw Seng Sikheth for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the EE (PHE) Bordumsa Division, Changlang as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 05.03.2026.

A) Particular of information: the work sanctioned under the Jal Jeevan Mission at Miao, particularly those involving.

B) Details of information required:

1. Supply of G.I. Fittings.
2. Construction of Water Treatment Plants.
3. Installation of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC).
4. Information Required:
5. Certified copy of the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for the above-mentioned works.
6. Certified copy of the Detailed Project Report (DPR).
7. Certified copy of the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT).
8. Certified copy of the tender documents including technical specifications and bill of quantities (BOQ).
9. Name and designation of the contractor/agency to whom the work was awarded.
10. Copy of the work order issued to the contractor.
11. Estimated cost and sanctioned amount of each scheme.
12. Time period stipulated for completion of the work.
13. Copies of Measurement Book (MB) pages relating to the executed work.
14. Details of payments made so far, including running bills and final bills.
15. Quality control reports and inspection reports, if any.
16. Details of technical specifications prescribed for:
17. G.I. Pipes and fittings (including diameter, thickness, ISI standard, etc.)
18. Water Treatment Plant components.
19. Household tap connection materials

Brief facts emerging from the appeal:

Records in the appeal reveal that the appellant had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information but failed to obtain the same within the statutory period of one month which prompted him to file appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the Chief Engineer (PHE), (Eastern Zone) Namsai under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 06.04.2026. But having failed yet again to obtain the information, he preferred second appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide Appeal Memo dtd. 27.05.2026.

This appeal is, accordingly, listed today on 26.08.2026, wherein the appellant, Shri Naw Seng Sikhet and Er. Shri Muntu Khimhun, APIO are present through VC.

This Commission, however, noticed the FAA, the Chief Engineer (PHE), Namsai, Namsai did not hear the appeal.

The First Appellate Authority, under the RTI regime, is a quasi-judicial authority under section 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and as such he is required to hold hearing giving adequate opportunity to both the appellant and the respondent PIO and after applying his mind to the case / going into the aspect as to whether the information/documents requested by the appellants are disclosable or are exempted under the relevant provisions of section 8 or 9 of the RTI Act, pass a reasoned and speaking order. Since, the FAA did not discharge his mandated duties as above, this appeal is a fit case to be remanded to the Chief Engineer (PHE), Namsai for adjudication.

Accordingly, this appeal is remanded to the Chief Engineer (PHE), Namsai, the FAA for adjudication and passing an appropriate order in speaking form within 1 (one) month from the date of receipt of this order. The PIO and the appellant are directed to appear in the hearing when called for by the FAA.

This Commission also concludes that the appellant, if aggrieved by the decision of the FAA, may prefer his 2nd appeal before this Commission under section 19 (3) of the RTI Act within 90 (ninety) days from the date of the FAA's order for which no fees need be paid to this Commission.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 26th August, 2026.

Sd/-

(S. TSERING BAPPU)

State Information Commissioner,

APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 397/2026 / 837

Dated Itanagar, the 28 Aug., 2026

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