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

Case No. APIC-398 /2026.

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

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

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Naw Seng Sikhet for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the EE (PHE & WS) 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: regarding the civil work for the upgradation of Drug De Addiction Centre at Bordumsa, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh from existing 10 bed facility.

B) Details of information required:

1. Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction

a) Certified copy of the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction issued for the said project.

b) Copy of the sanction order showing the sanctioned amount and date.

2. Detailed Project Report (DPR)

a) Certified copy of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared for the upgradation of the Drug De Addiction Centre.

3. Technical Sanction

a) Certified copy of the Technical Sanction issued by the competent authority along with technical estimate.

4. Approved Layout and Building Plan

a) Copy of the approved layout plan, building design, and structural drawings for the proposed 20-bed facility.

5. Tender and Work Order Details

a) Copy of the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT).

b) Name of the contractor/agency to whom the work was awarded.

c) Copy of the work order issued.

6. Estimated Cost and Bill of Quantities (BOQ)

a) Certified copy of the detailed estimate and BOQ including civil works, fittings, electrical works, water supply, sanitation, etc.

7. Technical Norms and Standards

a) Copies of the technical norms, guidelines, and standards followed for the instruction and upgradation of the Drug De Addiction Centre (including norms for 20-bed facility).

8. Source of Funding

- a) Details of the funding source (State Government/Central Government Scheme / Any Mission Program).

9. Inspection and Monitoring

- a) Copies of inspection reports or site verification reports conducted by engineers or departmental officials.

10. Payment and Fund Release

- a) Details of funds released till date for the project.
b) Copies of running bills or payment records made to the contractor.

11. Completion Timeline

- a) The stipulated time for completion of the project and present status of the work.

12. Name of Responsible Officers

- a) Name and designation of the Executive Engineer/Assistant Engineer/Departmental authority responsible for supervision of the project.

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 & WS), Eastern Zone Namsai, Namsai District, Govt. of A.P, 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 Sikheth and E. Shri Muntu Khimhun, APIO are present through VC.

This Commission, however, notices that there is no record of the FAA's, the Chief Engineer (PHE & WS), Eastern Zone, Namsai, conducting the hearing of 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 & WS), Namsai, the FAA for adjudication.

Accordingly, this appeal is remanded to the Chief Engineer (PHE & WS), Namsai, Namsai District, Govt. of A.P, 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 appellants are directed to appear in the hearing, when called for by the FAA.

This Commission also concludes that the appellants, if aggrieved by the decision of the FAA, may prefer their 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/-

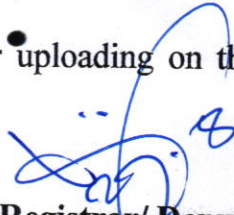
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State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 398/2026 / 860 Dated Itanagar, the 28 Aug., 2026

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