



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR.

An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
Case No. APIC- 262/2024.

Shri Taning Dodum, President, Arunachal RTI
Activist Youth Forum (ARTIAYF) Chimpu,
Papum Pare District, (A.P)

: APPELLANT

Vs

The PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer,
Dibang Forest Division, Roing (A.P)

: RESPONDENT

ORDER

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Taning Dodum for non-furnishing of information by the PIO, o/o the Principal of Chief Conservator (PCCF) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 24.07.2024

The applicant/appellant had requested the PIO for the following information:

1. Particular of information : Details of Scheme implemented from 2023-24 to till date.

2. Details of information required :

- 1 Issue of Department Cheque list;
2. Issued of Cheques in favour of Range
3. Issued of Cheques details from CA, NPV
4. Show the Geo Tags and photos and video
5. Mention the Casual Staffs appoint to
To assist regular staffs for 12 months
6. Details of Dambuk range works.
7. Details of Santipur range works.
 - a. Furnish total Expenditure regarding maintenance of CA Plantations during 20-21, 21-22 and 22-23 under Dibang Forest Division Roing with Geo Tag and photograph.
 - b. Furnish total Expenditure regarding maintainance of ANR plantations, Fuel wood plantations with photograph and GeoTag under dibang forest division Roing.
 - c. Furnish total expenditure regarding Creations of Artificial plantations during 2023-24 under Hunli Range and Bizari Range and Koronu Range also with Photograph and Geo Tag under Dibang forest division.
 - d. Furnish total expenditure regarding constructions of DRM Checkdams at Shantipur, Dambuk Bizari, Roing Range and kherim RF with photograph and Geo Tag as per Estimate /DOR submitted.
 - e. Furnish total -Expenditure of Advance Nursery Created 23-24 and Survey demarcation with photograph and Geo Tag.
 - f. Furnish total expenditure of Engine Boat and Quatations with photograph.
 - g. Furnish total expenditure of 4 room barrack with photograph and Geo Tag .

- h. Furnish NIT, tender process ,highest bidder and wheather publish daily Arunachal news paper, If so furnish paper cuttings regarding 4 room barrack.
8. Details of Koronu/Bizari range works.
9. Details of total amount Rs.879.10663 ' (Eight crore seventy nine lakhs ten thousand Six hundred sixty three) Cheque list .
10. Reveal and furnish all records of the expenditure s incurred within the dibang forest division as mentioned in the forgoing paragraphs in public domain by adducing/furnishing all relevant documents inclusive of payment receipts and completion certificate thereof;
11. Whether NIT was floated for the same. If yes furnish copy of the NIT and is advertisement published on widely read local newspaper:
12. Details of payment slip under CAMPA in which firm : Period for which information required: 2023-24.
13. Reveal the beneficiary/stakeholders/individual/firms whom the work have been awarded under the schemes mentioned herein above with all authentic records.
- 14 Reveal and furnish the names and numbers of the plantation watchers, supervisor, item, works activities with their location, areas and units etc.
15. Reveal details of 5 ranges.

Records reveal that the applicant/appellant, having not received the sought for information from the PIO, approached the o/o the PCCF, Govt. of A.P as the First Appellate Authority (FAA), under section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide his Memo of Appeal dt.26.08.2024. However, it is seen that the o/o the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Eastern Arunachal Circle (the actual FAA of the PIO in question), had considered the appeal and by order dt.09.10.2024, the FAA had directed the PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer, Dibang Forest Division, Roing to furnish information as sought at Sl.No.(1) to (6), SN 7(a) to (h) and SN (8) to (15) points based on his office records directly to the applicant / appellant within 15 days. It, however, transpires that the applicant/appellant having failed to obtain the information from the PIO even after the direction of the FAA within the stipulated period of 1(one) month, preferred his 2nd appeal before this Commission vide Memo of Appeal dt.26.09.2024 under section 19(3) of the RTI Act.

Hearing and decision:

This appeal is heard for 2nd time 29/01/25, the first hearing being on 22/11/24 where upon the PIO, o/o the DFO, Dibang Forest Division, Roing was directed to provide dully certified documents/information to the Appellant. The Appellant was also directed to collect the documents and report his satisfaction or otherwise to this Commission so as to enable this Commission to list the appeal for hearing if, required.

The Appellant had collected the information /documents from the PIO and as directed he had intimated the receipt of the same vide his letter dated 11/12/24 intimating therein that the documents furnished by the PIO was incomplete and requested for direction to the PIO to furnish the complete information.

This Commission considering the rights of the Appellant to obtain the complete and satisfactory information in terms of the mandate of RTI Act, directed the PIO to furnish the complete information as sought for by the Appellant on or before 29/01/25 i.e the next date of hearing.

In the hearing on 29/01/25, Shri Hibu Tana, the PIO, o/o the DFO, Dibang Forest Division appeared through V.C, while the Appellant, Shri Taning Dodum was present physically.

Heard the Parties.

The Appellant reiterating his demand for complete information submitted that the cheque list of the amount sanctioned was not furnished to him and also that the Geo-tag photo are not clear. As such, he pleaded that the PIO should be directed to furnish the cheque list (cheque counter foil) issued to the beneficiaries and also clear Geo-tag photo in colour. The PIO on the other hand submitted that the cheque counterfoils of the cheque issued to five Ranges under his jurisdiction, wherever available, shall be collected and in case of non-availability of cheque counterfoils, the copy of Money Receipt in lieu of cheque counterfoils shall be furnished to the Appellant. As regards the colour Geo-tag photograph, the PIO submitted that the same shall be furnished provided the Appellant deposits the cost of the photograph.

This Commission upon hearing both the parties as above, directed the PIO to provide the left-out information and it is made clear that the PIO shall also furnish specific reasons against whatever documents not available in his custody.

The PIO shall comply with above direction within 3(weeks) from the date of receipt of this order with intimation to this Commission. This appeal stands disposed of with the above direction.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 29th January, 2025.

Sd/-

(SANGYAL TSERING BAPPU)
State Information Commissioner,
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC-262/2024/

Dated Itanagar, the

January, 2025

Copy to:-

1. The First Appellate Authority, the CCF, Govt. of A.P, Eastern Arunachal Circle Tezu for information.
2. The PIO, o/o the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Dibang Forest Division, Roing, Dist: Lower Dibang Valley, (A.P) PIN: 792110 for information.
3. The PIO, o/o the Principal of Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for information.
4. Shri Taning Dodum, President, Arunachal RTI Activist Youth Forum (ARTIAYF) Chimpu, Papum Pare District, (A.P) for information.
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