



ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF MAJOR GENERAL JARKEN GAMLIN, AVSM, SM, VSM (RETD), STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No.APIC-357/A/2025

Dated, Itanagar the 10th June' 2025

Appeal Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant:

Shri Tamchi Gungte, Near KV-II School Chimpu, PO/ PS Chimpu, Papum

Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791113, (M) 9233567279.

Vs

Respondent:

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Shri R. Jimik, the PIO-cum-EE(RWD), Govt. of A.P., Longding Division,

Longding District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-792131.

ORDER

- 1). This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 filed by Shri Tamchi Gungte, Near KV-II School Chimpu, PO/ PS Chimpu, Fapum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information by the PIO-cum-EE(I/WD), Govt. of A.P., Longding Division, Longding District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 vide Form-A Dated 05/02/2025 regarding Construction / up gradation of roads and Bridge under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the financial year 2024-25.
- 2). The 1st hearing was held on 10th June, 2025 as scheduled. Shri R. Jimik, the PIO-cum-EE(RWD), Govt. of A.P., Longding Division, Longding District, Arunachal Pradesh was represented by Shri Khenwang Socia, A.E.(RWD) Longding Division through video conferencing. The Appellant Shri Tamchi Gungte was present in person before the Commission.
- 3). The representative of the PIO submitted that the PIO-cum-EE(RWD) Longding Division and the actual APIO have gone for the site visit. He informed that they have not received the Form-A, application dated 05/02/2025 as claimed by the Appellant, and that they were only apprised through the office of SE(RWD) Miao. The information sought for by the Appellant has reportedly been submitted to the FAA-cum-SE (RWD) office at Miao.
- 4). The Appellant with evidence of Form-A application receipt by the office of the PIO submitted that the PIO had not furnished information within prescribed time period, and now they were asking to deposit fee for the information, through Treasury Challan. The Appellant also informed that he was summoned by the court of FAA on 28th May, 2025, however, on the same day he had hearing in the Commission's court and therefore, had requested the FAA to fix another date of hearing.

- 5). The Commission viewed the absence of the PIO and the actual APIO from the court hearing in the pretext of site visit seriously. The PIO and the APIO are hereby cautioned not to repeat such mistake in the future. Repeated violation of the Commission's directions may invite invocation of penalty under section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and recommendation of disciplinary action under section 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the erring officers.
- 6). The Commission, hereby directs the PIO to furnish all the available information free of cost to the Appellant. The Appellant is advised to collect information from the PIO and convey his satisfaction or dissatisfaction to the Commission before the next date of hearing.
- 7). The next date of hearing is fixed on 22nd July, 2025 (Tuesday) at 1100hrs.
- 8). Both the parties are directed to appear before the Commission's court on the next date of hearing without fail. In the next date of hearing, Shri R. Jimik, the PIO-cum-EE(RWD) Longding Division is directed to be present in person before the Commission's court at Itanagar. If the PIO is found absent the Commission will initiate penal action under section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. In case Appellant is found absent the case would be disposed of.

Order copies be issued to all the parties.

Sd/-

[Major General Jarken Gamlin, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)], State Chief Information Commissioner Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

<u>Itanagar</u>

Dated, Itanagar the 10 June, 2025

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1. The FAA-cum-Chief Engineer (RWD), Govt. of A.P., Eastern Zone, Itanagar, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791111, to ensure attendance of **Shri R. Jimik**, the PIO-cum-EE(RWD), Govt. of A.P., Longding Division, Longding District, Arunachal Pradesh, before the Hon'ble Court of State Chief Information Commissioner, APIC, Itanagar.

2. Shri R. Jimik, the PIO-cum-EE (RWD), Govt. of A.P., Longding Division, Longding

District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-792131.

3. Shri Tamchi Gungte, Near KV-II School Chimpu, PO/ PS Chimpu, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, PIN-791113, (M) 9233567279.

14. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website.

5. Case file.

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