BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI VIJAY TARAM, THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, UNDER SECTION 19(3) OF RTI ACT, 2005.

An appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005. Vide Case No. APIC- 150/2024.

Shri Pisa Tapam Vill. Sate, PO-SarliPS-Koloriang, K/Kumey District, A.P. Appellant.

-VERSUS-

The PIO-cum-DLRSO Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of A.P.

..... Respondent.

Date of hearings: 1. 14.05.2024. 2. 24.09.2024. 3. 14.11.2024. 4. 21.01.2025. 5. 20.03.2025. Judgment/Order: 05.06.2025.

JUDGMENDT/ORDER

This is an appeal filed under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005. Brief fact of the case is that the Appellant Shri Pisa Tapam, on 08.01.2024 filed an RTI application under Form-A before the PIO-cum-District Land Revenue Settlement Officer, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, seeking various information(s) under Land Branch, Kurung Kumey District, period from **2020 to 2023**". *Such as:*

- i) Furnish the detail list of LPC issued in favour of applicant from the land branch in entire Kurung Kumey District.
- ii) Furnish the detail required document submitted by the applicant for obtaining LPC.
- iii) Furnish the detail fees receipt while issuing of LPC in favour of applicant.
- iv) Furnish treasury Challan of each applicant against issue of LPC.
- v) Furnish revenue collection data year wise in entire Kurung Kumey District.

Brief fact of the case is that the Appellant, Shri Pisa Tapam, on **08/01/2024** filed an RTI application in form 'A' before the PIO-cum-District Land Revenue Settlement Officer, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, seeking various information(s) under Land Branch, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Whereby seeking various information as quoted in Form 'A' application. The Appellants being not satisfied with the information received from the PIO filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10/02/2024**. Appellants again having not received the required information from the FAA, filed the Appeal before the

Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission on 02/04/2024 and the Registry of the Commission (APIC) having receipt of the Appeal registered it as APIC- No. 150/2024 (Appeal) and processed the same for its hearing and disposal.

Accordingly this appeal came up for hearing before the Commission for 05 (five) times i.e on 14.05.2024, 24.09.2024, 14.11.2024, 21.01.2025 & 20.03.2025. In the last hearing of the appeal the Appellant was present through online mode. The PIO-cum-DLRSO, in-charge present with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) in person during the hearing before the Commission.

Heard the Appellant:

The Appellant informed the Commission that he has not received any information(s) from the PIO till date.

Heard the First Appellate Authority (FAA):

The FAA-cum-Director, Land Management, stated before the Commission that there has not been any regular DLRSO, since 2023 till date. Presently Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Nyapin is assigned the additional charges of DLRSO by order of the Director, Land Management Department, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. As there was no regular DLRSO, the receipt of the Form-A application of the Appellant is also not ascertained as informed by the DLRSO incharge, and so, requested the Commission to give fair chance to ascertain the record of the receipt of the Form-A of the Appellant.

After hearing the parties:

The Commission made the copy of the Form-A application of the Appellant, available to the PIO-cum-DLRSO in-charge who took a photo copy of the Form-A from his phone before the Commission.

The Commission hereby orderd;

i) The PIO/DLRSO-cum-ADC, Nyapin to provide the information(s) to the Appellant within one month from today.

Today, during the sixth and final hearing of the appeal on 05.06.2025 the Appellant is absent with intimation to the Commission that, due to medical ground he could not attend the court today, but the PIO –cum-DLRSO, Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is found absent without intimating the reason for his inability to attend the hearing.

Considering all the aspects of the case into account the Commission find the PIO is liable to be imposed reasonable penalty under Sub-Section (1) of Section (20) of the RTI Act, and thus, the Commission orders against him as follows:

- PIO shall pay a fine amount of Rs. 25,000/- (rupees twenty five thousand) for his violation of sub-section (1) of Section- 7 of the RTI Act, 2005. The penalty amount shall be deposited through Challan payment in the name of Registrar, APIC, Itanagar, against the Head of Account No. 0070.
- ii) PIO shall furnish all information(s) sought which are available in the office of the PIO to the Appellants within a month from date of receipt of the order.
- iii) PIO shall submit all related records regarding payment of penalty including furnishing of information(s) to the Commission within one month of receipt the order.
- iv) Appropriate provision of RTI Act, 2005 will be invoked against the PIO in the event of his failure to comply with all or any of the above orders made against him.
- v) Judgment/Order pronounced in the open Court of this Commission today on this 5th day of June' 2025. Each copy of this judgment/order be furnished to the parties.
- vi) Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 5th June' 2025.

Sd (VIJAY TARAM) State Information Commissioner APIC, Itanagar.

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Dated Itanagar the / June, 2025

- Copy to:
 - i. The PIO-Cum-DLRSO, Koloriang, K/Kumey District Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
 ii. Shri Pisa Tanam Sate Villaga PO Sarli DS K 1 in 1978.
 - ii. Shri Pisa Tapam, Sate Village, PO-Sarli, PS-Koloriang, K/Kumey District A.P. for information.
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