





ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

BEFORE THE COURT OF DR.JORAM BEGI, STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No.APIC-02/2021

Dated, Itanagar the 16th February' 2021

Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Vs

Appellant

Shri Shoney Pertin,
District President (NPP),
Airfield Pasighat, Ward No-4,
Po/Ps-Pasighat
East Siang District.
(m) 09402788327, 8974216125,

Respondent

Shri Jongge Yirang, PIO-cum-DDSE, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Dated of hearing held on :16thFebruary'2021.

ORDER

Whereas, an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 has been received from Shri Shoney Pertin, District President (NPP), Airfield Pasighat, Ward No-4, Po/Ps-Pasighat, East Siang District, for non-furnishing of information, by Shri Jongge Yirang, PIO-cum-DDSE, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought, by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on 19/10/2020 regarding C/o 100 bedded Girls Hostel at Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Mebo, East Siang District.

Whereas, the 1st hearing was held on 16th February'2021. Shri Jongge Yirang, PIO-cum-DDSE, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh was found absent during the hearing. However, the PIO was represented by Shri Neelam Dupak, APIO-cum-BEO, Academic. The APIO informed the Commission that the PIO is preoccupied by visit of Secretary Education, so could not attend the hearing. The Appellant informed that information has not been furnished to him by the PIO. The APIO representing the PIO was found to be not aware of RTI Act 2005 provisions, Rules and even does not have proper knowledge regarding the scheme implemented by his own the department.

Whereas, the Commission viewed the absence of the PIO very seriously and made it clear that the statutory duty must be given priority over other administrative duties. The PIO is directed to attend the next hearing in person without fail. If he is found absent in the next date of hearing, arrest warrant under section 18(3) (a) shall be issued. The Commission also viewed that the PIO has deliberately not complied with the provision of the RTI Act and Rules. He also has misled the Appellant to deposit Rs. 50/- instead of Rs. 10/- as application fees which was actually already paid by him (the Appellant). However, the Commission giving reasonable opportunity to the PIO, directed the PIO to furnish legible, correct, complete and authenticated information as sought by the Appellant in the Form-A, within fifteen days from the date of issue of this order, failing which U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act penalty of Rs. 25, 000/-(Rupees twenty five thousand) only shall be imposed on the PIO. The Commission also asked the Appellant to receive the information, go through and convey his satisfaction or dissatisfaction in the next date of hearing.

The next date of hearing is fixed on 23rd March' 2021 at 10:30 hrs.

Therefore, Shri Jongge Yirang, PIO-cum-DDSE, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, is hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person on the scheduled date and time without fail.

Sd/-

(Dr.Joram Begi)
State Chief Information Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar

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Dated, Itanagar the 17 February'2021

1. Shri Jongge Yirang, PIO-cum-DDSE, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh,

2. Shri Shoney Pertin, District President (NPP), Airfield Pasighat, Ward No-4, Po/Ps-Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh,

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

4. Case file.

Registrar / Dy. Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

Deputy Registrar

Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

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