RUNACHAL PRADESH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

ITANAGAR

APIC-No-120/2021(Appeal)

NOITAMAD?

Shri Tamchi Sima Khola Camp, Lower Bhalukpong, PO-Bhalukpong, west Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh. Appellant

Respondent

Vs

Shri subu Hanya (DFO) Koloriang, Forest Division (Camp Itanagar Office) Koloriang, Arunachal Pradesh.

Date of hearing:-24th September, 2021.

Date of decision:-

Date of RTI Application/Complaint	17 th February, 2021.
Date of PIO's response	
Date of First Appeal	19 th March, 2021.
Date of FAA's response	09 th April, 2021.
Date of receipt of Appeal/Complaint	27 th April, 2021.

ORDER

The Appellant vide his RTI application dated 17th February, 2021 sought information on 20 points as contained therein.

The PIO did not provide any reply to the Appellant in response to the present RTI application. The Appellant then filed a First Appeal. The First Appellate Authority vide order dated 09th April, 2021 directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant within 15 days from the date of the issue of order.

The Appellant thereafter filed a second appeal before the commission with a request to provide complete information.

Hearing of the second Appeal is taken up today on 24th September, 2021.

Appellant is present, but the PIO is absent.

The Appellant, while attending the hearing has submitted that the PIO did not comply with the order of the First Appellate Authority issued on 09th April, 2021 wherein the PIO was directed to furnish the information to the Appellant with 15 days from the issue of the said order. The Appellant has requested the commission to direct the PIO to furnish the requested information to him.

The commission after hearing the Appellant and perusing the records observes that the PIO did not appropriately dealt with the present RTI application. The PIO has even refused to comply with the First Appellate Authority's order passed on 09th April, 2021. The commission further observes that the PIO cannot deny any information which is permissible under the law. If the PIO refuses to furnish information without any valid reasons it may give wrong impression that the information is withheld to conceal the illegal activities of the Public Authority.

In view of the above, the PIO is directed to furnish correct and complete information to the Appellant within 10 days from the receipt of this order. Compliance report should reach the commission before 16th October, 2021, failing which the action under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, shall be initiated by the commission.

The hearing is adjourned to 22nd October, 2021 at 1030 hrs.

The PIO is directed to be present during next hearing on 22nd October, 2021.

Copy of this order be issued to both the parties.

Sd/-(G.Tekseng) State Information Commissioner

Memo No.APIC-120/2021.

Dated Itanagar the ... September, 2021.

Copy to.

- 1. Shri, Shri subu Hanya (DFO) Koloriang, Forest Division (Camp Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
- 2. Shri Tamchi Sima Khola Camp, Lower Bhalukpong, PO-Bhalukpong, west Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh.
- 3. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website. 4. Case file.

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