





## ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION ITANAGAR

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

No.APIC-134/2020

Dated, Itanagar the 5<sup>th</sup> January' 2021

### Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

#### **Appellant**

Respondent

Shri Karto Tao, Vill-Liru, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. (m) 8974047987,

Vs

Shri Tadam Kamcham, The PIO-cum-EE(WRD), Likabali Division, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. (m)9736217278

Dated of hearing held on : 5<sup>th</sup> January' 2021.

### ORDER

Whereas, an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 has been received from Shri Karto Tao,Vill-Liru, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, for nonfurnishing of information, by Shri Tadam Kamcham, The PIO-cum-EE(WRD), Likabali Division, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought, by the Appellants under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on 24/06/2020.

Whereas, the 1<sup>st</sup> hearing was held through online video / audio conference on 24<sup>th</sup> November'2020. Shri Tadam Kamcham, The PIO-cum-EE(WRD), Likabali Division, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Jeki Kayi, APIO-cum-JE (WRD), Likabli Division and the Appellant, Shri Karto Tao, appeared in the hearing through video conferencing. The Appellant informed the Commission that the PIO has violated the Section7 (6) of the RTI Act 2005 by asking to deposit fees for the information through Treasury Challan after expiry of stipulate time period. The PIO informed the Commission that the RTI application was submitted before his joining WRD Likabali Division, i.e. on 24<sup>th</sup> June'2002 and he joined the present post on 2<sup>nd</sup> July'2020. The application was brought to his notice on 10<sup>th</sup> July'2020. However, the information were collected from Roing Division and intimated the Appellant vide letter NO. WRD/LKB/RTI-01/2020-21/628 Dated Likabali the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct'2020. The PIO also informed the Commission that information are ready with him to be furnished to the Appellant at any time.

Whereas, the Commission after hearing both the parties argument and taking the cognizance that the PIO is ignorant of the RTI Act 2005 directed the PIO to go through the RTI Act 2005 thoroughly. The Commission, giving reasonable opportunity with a caution directed the PIO to furnish free of cost all the complete, correct and authenticated information to the Appellant as sought in the Form-A within ten days from the date of issue of this order, failing which penalty u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005 shall be imposed on the PIO. The Commission also asked the Appellant to receive the information go through and convey his satisfaction or dissatisfaction before the next date of hearing.

Whereas, the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing was held on 5<sup>th</sup> January'2021. Shri Tadam Kamcham, The PIO-cum-EE(WRD), Likabali Division, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, attended the hearing in person. The Appellant, Shri Karto Tao, was found absent during the hearing. However, the Appellant vide letter NO. NIL Dated 04/01/2021 informed the Commission that the PIO has furnished the information but due to Kidney Stones, Liver, Spleen enlargement and COVID-19 infection he could not go through the information. The Appellant also informed that due to complete bed rest he will not be able to attend the court hearing. So, the Appellant appealed the Commission to extend the date of hearing.

Whereas, the Commission in view of Letter No. NIL Dated 04/01/2021 and appeal of the Appellant, giving reasonable opportunity to the Appellant decided to fix next date of hearing.

# The next date of hearing is fixed on 9<sup>th</sup> February' 2021 at 10:30 hrs.

Therefore, Shri Tadam Kamcham, The PIO-cum-EE(WRD), Likabali Division, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, is hereby directed 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 <u>Itanagar</u> Dated, Itanagar the 54 January'2021

**Memo No.APIC-134/2020**/22 Copy to:

- 1. Shri Tadam Kamcham, The PIO-cum-EE(WRD), Likabali Division, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh,
- 2. Shri Karto Tao, Vill-Liru, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh,
- 3 Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website,
- 4. Case file.

Registrar / Dy. Registrar, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission