



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

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

No.APIC-164/2020

Dated, Itanagar the 9th February' 2021

Under Section 18(1) RTI Act, 2005

Complainant

**Shri Ninya Angu,
C/o Talem Nyitan,
Hill Top JNC campus,
Pasighat, East Siang District,
Arunachal Pradesh.
(m) 9862686160,**

Vs

Respondent

**Shri Bajum Taba,
The PIO-cum-DFO,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Likabali,
Lower Siang District,
Arunachal Pradesh.**

Dated of hearing held on: 9th February'2021.

ORDER

Whereas, a complaint under Section 18(1) of RTI Act, 2005 has been received from Shri Ninya Angu, C/o Talem Nyitan, Hill Top JNC campus, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, for non-furnishing of information, by Shri Bajum Taba, The PIO-cum-DFO, O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, as sought, by the Complainant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on 23/09/2020, regarding Compensatory afforestation fund management and planning authority (CAMPA).

Whereas, the 1st hearing was held on 19th January' 2021. Shri Bajum Taba, The PIO-cum-DFO, O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, and the Appellant Shri Ninya Angu were present during the hearing. The Appellant informed the Commission that the PIO has not furnished information as sought by him. The PIO informed that the Appellant had not submitted the acknowledgement of Application in the Form-A and not paid Rs.50.00 so the Application was return with advised to complete the formalities and re-submit the application.

Whereas, the Commission made it clear to the PIO that Acknowledgement is not mandatory if the application is received by the PIO and fee for Submission of Form-A is Rs. 10.00 only not Rs. 50.00. Rs. 50 is required to be paid only while Submission of application to First Appellate Authority and Second Appellate Authority. The Commission, giving last reasonable opportunity, directed the PIO to furnish complete, correct and authenticated information to the Appellant within ten days from the date of issue of this order. Failing which penalty of Rs. 25, 000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only shall be imposed on the PIO u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005. The Commission asked the Appellant to receive the information go through and convey his satisfaction or dissatisfaction in the next date of hearing.

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Whereas, the 3rd hearing was held on 9th February'2021. Shri Bajum Taba, PIO-cum-DFO, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, and the Appellant Shri Ninya Angu were present during the hearing. The Appellant informed the Commission that the PIO has furnished all the information except for the **Sl.no. c, f, & h**. The PIO informed that the information sought at Sl.no. c, is regarding the guidelines of CAMPA fund. The guideline has been introduced only after 2018 and started from the year 2019-20. So, information has not been furnished to the Appellant. The information for Sl.no. f, Utilization Certificate has been furnished to the Appellant as the Appellant has sought either Utilization Certificate or cheque counter foil. The information for Sl.no. h, i.e. entire file noting of this scheme (CAMPA) cannot be furnished to the Appellant, as the file contains information related to other schemes and official confidential matters.

Whereas, the Commission after hearing arguments of both the parties and cross examining directed the PIO to furnish information sought at **Sl.no. c & h** of the Form-A. Information for Sl.no. c should be furnished with a supplementary note and for information for Sl.no. h, copy of file noting related to only CAMPA as sought at Form-A should be furnished to the Appellant with authentication. The PIO is directed to furnish the information to the Appellant within twenty days from the date of issue of this order. The Commission asked the Appellant to receive the information go through and convey his satisfaction in the next date of hearing.

The next date of hearing is fixed on 2nd March'2021 at 10:30 hrs.

Therefore, **Shri Bajum Taba, The PIO-cum-DFO, O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Likabali, Lower 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

Dated, Itanagar the 70 February'2021

Memo No. APIC-164/2020/107

Copy to:

1. Shri Bajum Taba, The PIO-cum-DFO, O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Likabali, Lower Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh,
2. Shri Ninya Angu, C/o Talem Nyitan, Hill Top JNC campus, Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh,
3. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website,
4. Case file.

Deputy Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
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Itanagar