



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION
ITANAGAR**

BEFORE THE COURT OF SHRI RINCHEN DORJEE, STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

No.APIC-63/2022

Dated, Itanagar the 22nd March'2022

Under Section 19(3) RTI Act, 2005

Appellant

**Shri Tania June,
&
Shri Abang Yangfo,
C/o Hotel Chandini
E-Sector, Naharlagun,
Arunachal Pradesh.**

Respondent

**The PIO-cum-District Panchayat
Development Officer,
Govt. of A.P.,
Changlang, Changlang District,
Arunachal Pradesh.**

Vs

Dated of hearing held on: 22nd March'2022.

ORDER

Whereas, an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 has been received from Shri Tania June, President (AAVS) & Shri Abang Yangfo, AGS(AAVS), C/o Hotel Chandini E-Sector, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh for non-furnishing of information by The PIO-cum-District Panchayat Development Officer, Govt. of A.P., Changlang, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh as sought, by the Appellant under section 6(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on 26/10/2021 regarding Fund/Financial sanction and approved being 1st and 2nd installment basic grants under 14th Finance commission of Changlang, District.

Whereas, the 1st hearing was held on 22nd February, 2022 at 1030hrs as scheduled. The PIO-cum-District Panchayat Development Officer, Govt. of A.P., Changlang, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh was found absent during the hearing. The Appellant Sri Tania June was present. However, the PIO through W/T message dated 17/02/2022 informed the Commission that their office has not received any RTI application of Sri Tania June and also informed that due to busy schedule the PIO is not able to attend the court hearing. The Appellant informed that he has sent the application by post.

Whereas, the Commission viewed very seriously the absence of the PIO in the court with lame excuse. The PIO is directed to give priority to the statutory duty above all other official duties. The Commission office provided the PIO a copy of Form-A, Dated 26/10/2021 submitted by the Appellant Sri Tania June in the whatsapp of the PIO and also, provided a hard copy to the PIO-cum-District Panchayat Development Officer, Govt. of A.P., Khonsa, Tirap District, Arunachal Pradesh requesting him to hand it over to the PIO Changlang. The Commission directs the PIO to furnish all the information to the Appellant before next date of hearing.

Whereas, the 2nd hearing was held on 22nd March' 2022 at 1030hrs as scheduled. The PIO-cum-District Panchayat Development Officer, Govt. of A.P., Changlang, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh and the Appellant Shri Abang Yango were present during the hearing. The PIO informed the Commission that he has not received RTI application Form-A Dated 26/10/2021 as claimed by the Appellant and nor has received any summon/intimation from the First Appellate Authority. However, after receiving summon from the Commission had written to the concern 14 FC grant implementing member secretaries to submit all the information regarding the expenditure of the amount as transferred through online and has handed over the copy of detail online transfer of 14 FC Grant. The Appellant received the copy of detail transaction of online 14 FC grant. The Appellant also sought other details as sought in the Form-A from the PIO. The PIO appealed the Commission to give time to furnish other information.

Whereas, the Commission after hearing both the parties, directed the PIO to furnish all the available information free of cost to the Appellant before 30th May'2022. The PIO agreed to comply with the Commission's direction. The Commission also asked the Appellant to receive the information and convey his satisfaction or dissatisfaction in the next date of hearing.

The next date of hearing is fixed on 31st May' 2022 at 1030hrs.

Therefore, the PIO-cum-District Panchayat Development Officer, Govt. of A.P., Changlang, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh is hereby directed to attend in person without fail in the next date of hearing. **If he is found absent in the next date of hearing, under section 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005 penalty shall be imposed on the PIO.**

Sd/-

(Rinchen Dorjee)

State Chief Information Commissioner

Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission

Itanagar

Dated, Itanagar the 24 March'2022

Memo No.APIC-63/2022 /729

Copy to:

1. The FAA-cum- Director (Panchayati Raj), Govt. of A.P., Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.
2. The PIO-cum-District Panchayat Development Officer, Govt. of A.P., Changlang, Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh,
3. Shri Tania June, C/o Hotel Chandini E-Sector, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.
4. Shri Abang Yangfo, C/o Hotel Chandini E-Sector, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh .
5. Computer Programmer, APIC, Itanagar, to upload in APIC Website.
6. Case file.

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Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
Itanagar