

**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION, (APIC)
ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

Appeal U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005
vide No.APIC-147/2020



**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF SHRI GOTO ETE, THE STATE
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

Shri Ajoy Tajo & 2(two) Ors
Village: Domdila Tajo,
PO/PS: Chayang Tajo
East Kameng District, A. Pradesh Appellant

-VERSUS -

Shri Domsing Cheda
BDO, Chayang, E/Kameng Dist.
Arunachal Pradesh Respondent

Date of judgment/order: 29.04.2021.

ORDER

Appellant Shri Ajoy Tajo is present. PIO-cum-BDO, Chayang Tajo, Shri Domsing Cheda is also present.

Heard both parties and available materials on record also being carefully read. Meanwhile, written replies to show cause notice submitted by the PIO before the Commission was taken up for consideration. This written replies to the show cause wherein he has denied of having received the RTI application of the appellants contained a serious allegation against the appellants of having forged the signature and his official seal. But the PIO, immediately on realizing that he has mistakenly used '*forged*' words against the appellants, sought for withdrawal of his said written replies to the show cause submitted to the Commission. And the same was, accordingly, allowed in the interest of justice but in consequence whereof the PIO failed to make any reasonable explanation as to why he should not be imposed reasonable penalty for his failure to furnish the information sought to the appellant within prescribed period of 30(thirty) days as provided in sub-section (1) of Section-7 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Now after hearing the parties and also after having careful consideration of the available materials on records, including - the application of the PIO seeking for withdrawal of his written replies to the show cause I have arrived at a conclusion that the PIO has neglected or without any reason failed to furnish the information sought to the appellant, whereby, amounting to violation of provision of sub-section (1) of Section-7 of the RTI Act, liable for