ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION (APIC) ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

An appeal Case U/S 19 (3) of RTI Act, 2005 Vide Case No. APIC-112 & 113/2021

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF MS SONAM YUDRON, INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Appellant

Respondent

Shri Vijay Pertin, Ithili Village, P.O/P.S: Roing, Distt: Lower Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh.

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Mr. Angete Linggi, Block Development Officer, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

ORDER

This is with reference to an in continuation of earlier order of the Commission (APIC) Vide No. APICs-112 & 113/2022 dated 28/09/2021, where in, the Commission has imposed a penalty of Rs.25000/- against the PIO with a compensation of Rs.5000/- to be paid to the Appellant for the losses suffered by the appellant in filling of this Appeal. The order further directed that the PIO shall furnish all informations sought to the appellant on or before 4th days of Oct. 2021 and failing which to be invoked sub-section (2) section(20) of the RTI Act 2005 against him(PIO). After such passing of the order dated on 28/09/2021, Commission received a written complaint from the appellant Mr. Vijay Pertin to the effect that the PIO has failed to furnish payment details of Public Financial Management System (PFMS) in defiance of the said order of the Commission.

After such receipt of the complaint from the appellant the 6th hearing of the Appeal was held on 24/01/2022 on which the Commission directed for issue of a show cause notice against the PIO for his defiance in furnishing of correct information to the Appellant including for his failure in attending the 6th hearing of the appeal. Accordingly the Commission issued a Show Cause Notice to the PIO vide No. APIC-112 and 113/2021, dated 28/01/2022, for his appearance in person before the Commission on 14/02/2022 to show cause as to why he should not be initiated action under related provision of RTI Act 2005.

But on the date fixed for hearing of the appeal on 14/02/2022 Appellant was present but PIO-Cum-BDO Mr. Angete Linggi was found absent for his consecutive second times. however, one Mr. Kaling Taying Advocate appeared on his behalf and submitted a medical prescription of PIO with an information that he was suffering from illness. Mr. Kaling Taying appearing for the PIO as an Advocate neither brought the information required by the appellant nor did he submit his Vakalatnama for representing the PIO as a lawyer for which he was not allowed to plead. In the meantime, the appellant again submitted another written complaint against PIO for his failure to furnish the information required by him, being payment details of Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

After hearing the appellant and also after having carefully read the contents of the written complaints of the appellant as for said. I find that the PIO has failed to comply with the order dated 28/09/2021 of the Commission in furnish of the all information required by the appellant such attitude of a Govt. Officer neglecting to furnish the information sought in defiance of the order of the Commission is a misconduct of an officer liable for initiating action under the Service Rule applicable to him. And therefore, I find it a fit case for passing an appropriate order against the PIO under sub-section(2) of section(20) the RTI Act 2005. Accordingly it is recommended that the Deputy Commissioner, Roing (DRDA) Lower Dibang Valley shall take necessary step for initiating disciplinary proceeding against Mr. Angete Linggi, BDO-Cum-PIO under related Service Rule applicable to him.

The registry is directed to forward a copy of this order to the Deputy Commissioner, Lower Dibang Valley, Roing. And with a copy to the same to the Secretary (RD) Govt. A.P, Itanagar, the Director(RD) and PD, Roing for information please. A copy to the order be also sent to Mr. Angete Linggi BDO-Cum-PIO, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley.

> Sd/-(Sonam Yudron) State Information Commissoner APIC-Commission, Itanagar.

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- 4. The Project Director (PD), Roing, L/Dibang Valley, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
- 5. Mr. Angete Linggi, BDO-Cum-PIO, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley Distt. Arunachal Pradesh for Information.
- 6. Shri Vijay Pertin, Ithili Village, P.O/P.S: Roing, Distt: L/Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh for information.
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