

**ODISHA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Present : Shri Sunil Kumar Misra,
State Chief Information Commissioner**

Date 24th April, 2017

Second Appeal No.2693/2014

Dr. Ramani Ranjan Jena,
Qrs. No.T-II-65,
Old A.G. Colony,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.....Appellant

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1. Public Information Officer,
Office of the Principal,
Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Principal,
Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.....Respondents

Decision

1. Appellant, Ramani Ranjan Jena, is present. Sukesh Kumar Panda, PIO-cum-Lecturer, Drama, Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Bhubaneswar is also present. The PIO has made a written submission along with annexures. He also files an affidavit. These are taken on record.

2. Vide an application in Form-A dated 04.07.2014, the appellant had requested the PIO, Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Bhubaneswar for certain specific information relating to the Jury members who had conducted interviews for Guest Lecturers for Chhow / Odissi Dance. He had also sought to have copies of the appointment letters, joining reports, working periods and mark-sheets of the Guest Lecturers who were selected.

2.1 The appellant followed up his application in Form-A by filing first appeal vide an appeal memo in Form-D dated 04.09.2014 alleging therein non-supply of complete information. The First Appellate Authority vide order dated 25.09.2014 informed the appellant that information had been earlier furnished to the appellant as per availability, vide letter dated 07.08.2014; but as regards the academic / educational qualifications of one Jury Member, namely, Snehaprava Samantaray, information could not be collected from her who also happened to be a third party.

2.2 Aggrieved with the order of the First Appellate Authority, the appellant filed the subject second appeal vide an appeal memo in Form-E dated 11.11.2014 alleging that the information sought by him was not supplied.

3. At the time of the first hearing on 11.01.2017, the PIO submitted a written memorandum. It was stated by him that most of the information sought by the appellant, which related to interview conducted for Guest Lecturers during the academic session 2013-14, had been already supplied to the appellant by the then PIO, Dr. Bijay Kumar Jena, vide a letter dated 07.08.2014. The information thus sent consisting of 26 pages had also been received by the appellant on 16.08.2014. These included copies of documents regarding the qualification of Satyajit Tipiria who was selected as Guest Lecturer for Chhow Dance; copies of his mark-sheets for the academic sessions 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15; and, copies of the marks given by the Selection Committee which selected Satyajit Tipiria as Guest Lecturer. The mark-sheets for the academic sessions 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 could not be supplied as the same were not available in the Establishment Section of the Mahavidyalaya. The appellant was also informed that no appointment letters had been issued by the Mahavidyalaya to any Guest Lecturer. Names of the selected candidates had been put up on the Notice Board.

