

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

BHUBANESWAR

(CIRCUIT HEARING, SAMBALPUR)

Present: Shri Jagadananda, SIC

Date: 20th March, 2009

Complaint Case No. 368/2008



Ganesh Sahu,
Majhipara,
Khaiduda,
Sonapur,
Subarnapur District.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Maharaja High School,
Sonapur,
Subarnapur District.....Opposite Party

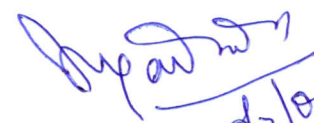
Decision

1. Complainant Ganesh Sahu is present. He is represented by an authorized representative Dilip Kumar Chapdar who files the written authorization executed by the Complainant. The same is accepted. Pranaballavi Beg, Head Master, Maharaja High School, Sonapur, Subarnapur district is present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. The case arises out of a complaint petition dated 10/03/08. The case was earlier heard on 07/01/09. The Complainant filed form A application on 05/02/08 seeking detailed information pertaining to the personal profile of the School teachers, income and expenditure and related issues of Maharaja High School, Sonapur. The application was rejected by the PIO on 01/03/08 under Section 8 and 9 of the RTI Act, 2005 (Act for short) and the same was intimated to the Complainant vide letter no-73 dated 01/03/08.

3. The Complainant felt aggrieved with the response by the PIO and therefore preferred an appeal on 10/03/08 under Section 19(1) of the Act before the First Appellate Authority. Permission from the Higher Authorities were sought to furnish the information by the First Appellate Authority and information was sent by Special Messenger which was stated to have been refused by the Complainant.
4. Since the Complainant had requested in his application to deliver by post, the State Commission observed that the information should have been delivered by post not by the Special Messenger. The State Commission, during the hearing directed the PIO to hand over the information to the Complainant which was complied forthwith.
5. On perusal of the information, the Complainant submitted that the information needs remain incomplete. Upon hearing the Complainant, the PIO is directed to furnish the balance information within 7 days by Registered Post to the Complainant and report compliance to the State Commission through the Registrar. The State Commission hereby set aside the rejection letter of the PIO dated 01/03/08 made on flimsy grounds. The PIO is reprimanded for this act and directed not to repeat this in future.
6. Subject to compliance as supra, the case is disposed of and closed.

Pronounced in open proceedings.

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 20th day of March, 2009.


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