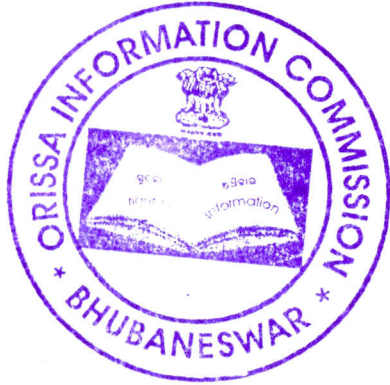


**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Present: Hon'ble Shri D.N.Padhi, SCIC
and
Shri Jagadananda, SIC**

Date: 19th March, 2009

Complaint Case No. 396//2007



Manmohan Panda,
Advocate,
At-Suelpur (Mandalbazar)
PO-Motiganj-756003,
Balasore district.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Office of the Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests, Orissa,
Aranya Bhawan,
Chandrasekharpur,
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Party

Decision


1. Complainant Manmohan Panda is absent. The same cannot be condoned under Rule 9 (2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006 in view of the previous order dated 12/02/09 seeking his presence to come to a conclusion in the matter including delay, if any. M.Gourinath, PIO and Prasanna Kumar Parida, ex-CCF (Admn),both of the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa (PCCF for short), Bhubaneswar are present. Heard. Perused the case record. This case arises out of complaint petition dated 02/04/07 and heard by the State Commission earlier on 02/01/08 and 12/02/09.
2. During hearing on 02/01/08 it transpired that the RTI application dated 15/02/07 was received by the PIO on 20/02/07, and forwarded to the


Conservator of Forests (Administration) and CCF (Administration) the same day. The Complainant had wanted to know “ in which rule the VFWs were posted in the rank of Forest Rangers and other related issues. Since no information was received from them, reminder was issued by the PIO on 20/03/07 and on the same day CCF (Administration) furnished the information to him. PIO then sent the information to the Complainant Manmohan Panda on 22/03/07.

3. The Complainant approached the State Commission on 02/04/07 alleging that he has not received any response from the PIO. The PIO in response to the notice from the State Commission (letter no.2972 dated 17/04/07) had submitted to the State Commission a photocopy of the reply vide letter no.6163 dated 22/03/07 , sent by post, to the Complainant. Though the Complainant was accorded another opportunity to have his say, he has preferred to remain absent presumably because he has received all the information. As initial reply was within 30 days (as February has 28 days), there was no delay in this matter.
4. In view of the above position, the case is disposed of and closed. Inform the Complainant.

Pronounced in open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 19th day of March, 2009.


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