

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

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

**and**

**Shri Jagadananda, SIC**

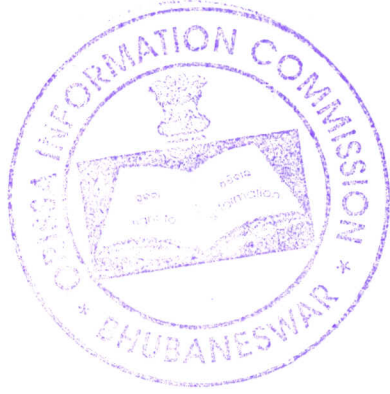
**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2009**

**Complaint Case No. 753/2007**

Himansu Ranjan Mohanty  
Forest Range Office,  
PO-Khandapara,  
Nayagarh District ..... Complainant

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Public Information Officer,  
Information & Public Relation Department,  
Government of Orissa,  
Secretariat,  
Bhubaneswar ..... Opposite Party



**Decision**



1. Complainant Himansu Ranjan Mohanty is absent. The same is condoned under Rule 9(2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. M. Gourinath, PIO, office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Bhubaneswar and Ram Krishna Majhi, ex-Deputy Director-cum- Deputy Secretary, Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar are present. Heard. Perused the case record. This case arises out of complaint petition dated 11/06/07.
2. It reveals from the record that the Complainant had sought, in form A application dated 09/02/07 from the PIO, Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar a copy of the advertisement published in the daily newspapers between 1983 to 1989 relating to recruitment and selection of candidates for training in Rangers course in Forestry for the post of Forest Ranger/Social Forestry Supervisors, as per requisition by the then Chief Conservator of Forest, Orissa and copy

of requisition letter relating to such publication of advertisement addressed to the Manager of Publication, Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar. The case was earlier heard on 02/07/08 and 19/09/08. Even on those occasions the Complainant was absent.

3. The PIO had stated that he received the application on 13/02/07. Since the information sought by the Complainant related to old records dating back to 24 years, they were not easily traceable being unimportant files and intimated the Complainant accordingly vide letter no. 7468 dated 02/03/07. However, after thorough search by the Branch Officer, R. K. Majhi of Advertisement-(III) Section of the Information and Public Relations Department, the required information were supplied to the Complainant on 02/05/08. It may be relevant to mention here that on 02/07/08, the State Commission had observed that the copy of the form A application dated 09/02/07 supplied by the Complainant was clearly an interpolated one and hence a copy had to be collected from the PIO.
4. In view of the above there appears no malafide in supply of information. The State Commission exonerated the opposite parties.
5. Hence the case is disposed of and closed with no orders of penalty.

**Pronounced in open proceedings.**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

  
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