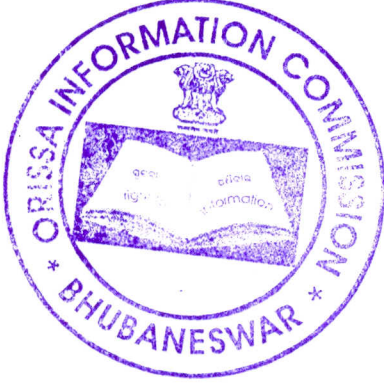


**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

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

Date:-25th February, 2009

Complaint Case No.901/2007



Shanti Ranjan Behera,
Ward No-22,
Raghunathpur,
Baripada-757001,
Mayurbhanj District..... Complainant
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Public Information Officer,
General Administration Department,
Government of Orissa,
Secretariat,
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Party


Decision

1. Complainant Shanti Ranjan Behera is present. Sk.Tajudin Ahemad, PIO-cum-Deputy Secretary, Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar (I and PR Deptt. for short)is present. Heard .Perused the case record. This case arises out of complaint petition dated 29.6.07.
2. The case was last heard on 30.07 2008 and 04.11. 2008. The Complainant had filed form A application dated 04.05.07 with the PIO, Chief Minister's Office on four points relating to (i) the selection procedure followed under Section 15(3)of the RTI Act, for appointment of Information Commissioner by Government of Orissa, (ii) documents and copy of the file correspondence made for selection of appointment of both the Commissioners at Govt. level(iii)Copy of the recommendations of the Committee constituted under Section 15(3)(ii)and (iii)of the RTI Act and(iv)Who were the other candidates short listed/nominated for selection for the post of Information Commissioner.

3. It is seen from the record that the PIO, General Administration Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar (then providing RTI support to CM's office) received the application from Secretariat RTI Cell on 06.05.07 and intimated the Complainant vide memo no.374 dated 09.05.07 in form C that the information could be obtained by downloading the same from the website i.e. www.orissa.gov.in. Not satisfied with the response he filed a complaint petition under Section 18 of the RTI Act on 27.06, 2007. The PIO, GA Department was asked on 30/07/08 to transfer the application of the Complainant to the PIO, I and P.R. Deptt. under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 with a direction to the latter to provide the information to the Complainant, free of cost, within 30 days. As per the directions of the State Commission, the PIO, Information and Public Relations Department has supplied on 03.10.2008 voluminous information to the Complainant, free of cost, by registered post with A.D.
4. The Complainant confirmed today that he had received all information.
5. In view of the above facts of the case, the same is disposed of and closed. The PIOs of both the G.A .Department and Information and Public Relations Department are exonerated, with no orders on penalty.

Pronounced in open proceedings.

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 25th day of February, 2009.


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