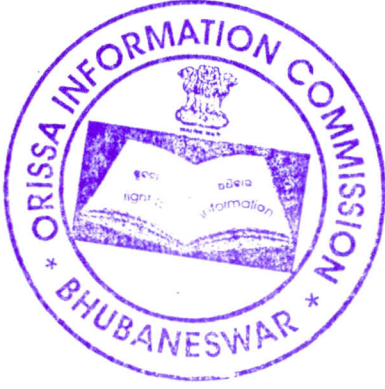


BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR

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

Date: 24th March, 2009

Complaint Case No.949/2007



Manorama Devi,
D/o Late Debaraj Dash,
At- Gholahandi,
PO- Gobindpurpatna,
Via- Madhyakhanda,
Nayagarh district..... Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Office of the Panchayat Samiti , Daspalla,
At/PO: Daspalla,
Nayagarh districtOpposite Party

Decision

1. Complainant Manorama Devi is absent on repeated calls. Her absence cannot be condoned today under Rule 9(2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006 as by order dated 18.02.09 she had been specifically informed to be present for today's hearing to clarify the inadequacy noticed in her first RTI application. Hadibandhu Mahakhuda, Cooperative Extension Officer –cum- PIO, Daspalla Block, Nayagarh district is present. Heard him and perused the case record. This case arises out of the complaint petition dated 27.6.2007.
2. This case was earlier heard on 18.2.2009. It reveals from the record that Complainant had sent by post a RTI application dated 23.04.07, which was received in the Block office on 01.05.07. The application was neither supported by proof of citizenship nor the fee of Rs.10/-. So the same was rejected and the Complainant intimated accordingly, by post.
3. It was further revealed from the record that in the rejection intimation to the Complainant, the address was inadvertently shown as "Smt. Manorama Devi W/o Late Debaraj Dash" instead of Manorama Devi D/o Late Debaraj Dash.

As stated by the PIO, this was an unintentional slip, for which he had in person begged apology from the Complainant on 25.05.07 after receiving her second application. In this context, the State Commission felt it proper to hear the Complainant's version regarding the incompleteness of her first RTI application. Though the Complainant had been specifically informed by speedpost to be present today and to have her say in the matter, failing which the matter will be heard exparte on merits, she is absent.

4. The State Commission upon hearing the PIO and on perusal of the documents available on record were convinced that the action taken by him was within the maximum permissible time limit. The State Commission disposed of and closed the case without any orders on penalty. Inform the Complainant.

Pronounced in open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 24th
March, 2009 .


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