

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

BHUBANESWAR

Present: Shri Jagadananda,SIC

Date:03rd February, 2009

Complaint Case No. 1469/2007

Nalinikanta Panda,
President,
Citizen's Apex Association,
59, Forest Park,
Sachivalaya Marg,
Bhubaneswar-751019Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Housing and Urban Development Department,
Government of Orissa,
Secretariat,
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Party



Decision

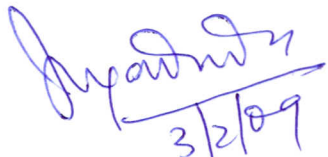
1. Complainant Nalinikanta Panda is absent. The same is condoned under Rule 9 (2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. Balakrishna Behera, PIO-cum-Joint Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar is present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. The Complainant had filed form A application dated 20/07/07 before the PIO, Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar (Department for short) seeking information on prevention of unauthorized structures in the Cities and other related issues. The PIO submitted that the information sought

for are available in various public authorities related to Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Roukela. The Complainant was intimated vide letter no-18927 dated 20/08/07 to contact concerned public authorities separately. The Complainant in his complaint petition dated 24/01/09 had pointed out the roles and responsibilities of the Department in ensuring the implementation of the principles of Town Planning through appropriate guide lines.

3. After hearing from the PIO, the State Commission is in agreement with the views expressed by the complainant and accordingly direct the PIO to furnish available information in the Department to the Complainant expeditiously including policies, guidelines and advisories issued by the Department from time to time in its oversight role. The head of the Public Authority i.e. the Principal Secretary, Urban and Housing Development Department is directed to deal with the focal point raised through the RTI application in the larger public interest with a time bound Action plan. Action taken Report in this regard be submitted to the State Commission through its Registrar within eight weeks time.
4. 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 03rd day of February, 2009.


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