

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION**

**BHUBANESWAR**

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

**and**

**Shri Jagadananda, SIC**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2009**

**Complaint Case No. 460/2007**

Ghanashyam Moharana,  
At-Patana Sahi,  
PO-Hinjilicut-761102  
Ganjam District .....Complainant

**-Vrs-**

Public Information Officer,  
Public Grievance and Pension Administration Department,  
Government of Orissa,  
Secretariat,  
Bhubaneswar..... Opposite Party



**Decision**


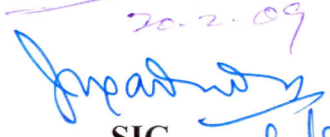
1. Complainant Ghanashyam Moharana is absent. The same is condoned under Rule 9(2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. Sourjya Ranjan Parija and Umakanata Sahu, ex-PIO, Directorate of Higher Education and Bamadev Nanda, PIO, Public Grievance and Pension Administration Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar are present. Heard. Perused the case record. This case arises out of complaint petition dated 13/04/07 and heard by the State Commission on 13/02/08 and 21/07/08.
2. Form A application was filed by the Complainant on 19/02/07 which was received on 20/02/07 by the PIO, Public Grievance and Pension Administration Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar. He transferred the application to the Higher Education Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar vide his letter no.529 dated 26/02/07 since the subject matter related to them

under intimation to the Complainant vide memo no.530 dated 26/02/07. The PIO, Higher Education Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar in turn transferred the said application on 13/03/7 to the PIO, Directorate of Higher Education Department, Heads of Department Buildings, Bhubaneswar (Directorate for brief). This transfer should have been done within 5 days.

3. The PIO, Directorate stated that he intimated the Complainant vide letter no-20323 dated 02/05/07 that the proposal for final withdrawal of his G.P.F had been sent, after due scrutiny, to the Controller of Accounts, Bhubaneswar vide letter no.26496 dated 02/05/073. On 21/07/08 the representative of the Complainant had mentioned that the Complainant had received his G.P.F but had not got the pensionary benefits. The State Commission observed that the latter request was not part of the original form A application dated 19/02/07.
4. As regards the delay the PIO stated that there was no malafide intention in withholding any information. On the contrary, the PIO stated that instead of giving an interim reply that the matter was under examination, they finalized his GPF sanctions and then intimated him of the position, so that he could further pursue the matter.
5. Inview of the above situation and that financial procedures had to be followed, the PIOs are exonerated and the case is disposed of and closed.

**Pronounced in open proceedings**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

  
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