

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Present: Shri Jagadananda, SIC**

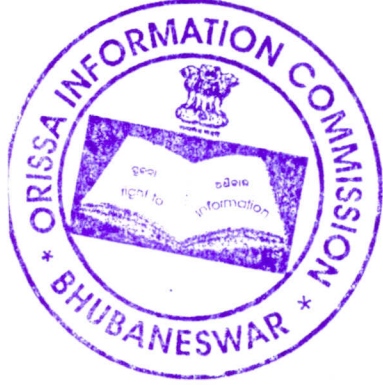
**Date: 03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009**

**Complaint Case No. 749/2007**

Himansu Sekhar Dash,  
Assistant Surgeon,  
U.G.P.H., Birmaharajpur,  
At/PO/PS- Birmaharajpur-767018,  
Subarnapur District .....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,  
Office of the Convener,  
P.G. (Medical) Selection Committee-2007,  
S.C.B Medical College,  
Cuttack-753007  
Cuttack District..... Opposite Party



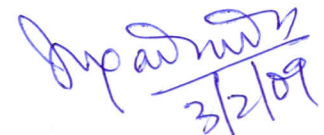
**Decision**

1. Complainant Himansu Sekhar Das is absent. The same is condoned under Rule 9(2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. Rama Raman Mohanty, Professor and Head of the Department, P.G. Cell-cum-PIO is present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. The Complainant filed form A application on 13.4.07 seeking copies of the question booklets alongwith evaluated answer sheet of Orissa PG (Medical) Entrance Examination,2007. The PIO stated that he had intimated the Complainant to deposit the cost of information of Rs.155/- dated 30.04.07. The Complainant sent it through money order which was refused by the PIO with the understanding that the same had to be deposited by cash.

3. After hearing the State Commission clarified that deposit of cash means deposit of the same through any messenger including money order, A/c Payee IPO and A/c Payee Bank Demand Draft and directed the PIO to provide information free of cost as the stipulated period of 30 days as per Section 7(6) of the Act was over.
4. Today the PIO states that he had furnished all the information by Registered Post on 07.07.08. The Complainant was absent despite notice issued to him. Perhaps he has nothing to agitate in this matter.
5. The State Commission is of the opinion that the PIO had acted within the stipulated time period and the delay in furnishing the information appears to be circumstantial than intentional. The Public Authority is cautioned to be careful in future in dealing with RTI application in the true spirit of the Act. The Nodal Officer of the Government i.e. Commissioner-cum-Secretary Information and Public Relations Department is directed to issue appropriate guidelines/ clarification notes for the deposit of the cash as per the order of the State Commission at the paragraph 2 supra expeditiously with least delay.
3. Subject to the compliance the case is closed and disposed of. Inform all concerned.

**Pronounced in open proceedings**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 03<sup>rd</sup> day  
of February, 2009.

  
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