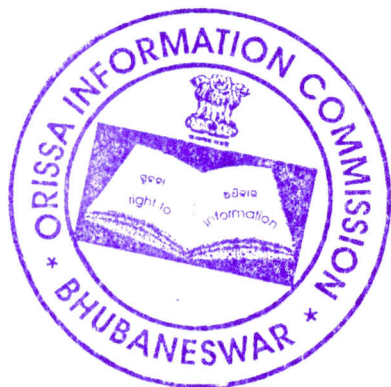


**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

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

Date:19th March, 2009

Complaint Case No. 771//2007



Minati Mohanty,
C/o-Narayan Prasad Das,
At-Karanjia (Near Cental School Chhak),
Balasore district.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Office of the Chief District Medical Officer,
Balasore.....Opposite Party

Decision


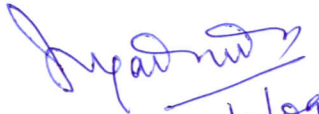
1. Complainant Minati Mohanty is absent but is represented by Biswabihari Mohanty. The same was accepted. Braja Mohan Patra, ADMO-cum-PIO, office of the Chief District Medical Officer, Balasore is present. Heard. Perused the case record. This case arises out of complaint petition dated 25/05/07.
2. The Complainant filed form A application on 09/04/07 with the PIO, office of the Chief District Medical Officer, Balasore seeking information regarding handing over of any revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme Property/ Article related issues. The PIO on 04/02/09 had mentioned that the Complainant was intimated to receive the information in person as per her request. The Complainant being an employee of the Public Authority, did not turn up to receive

the information. Therefore, the PIO sent the information vide letter no.546. dated 14/05/07. The representative of the Complainant mentioned that they have not received the information. The PIO stated that the required information is available with him and if permitted the same can be handed over. The State Commission directed him to provide the same during course of hearing, which he did.

3. The State Commission were unhappy with the turn of events in this case. Minati Mohanty was an Officer in the said office, therefore, the RTI Act, 2005 has been misutilised as is evident from the facts. The Complainant was possibly charged with missing of a music system. She wanted to know whether one Pravati Satpathy, Senior Clerk had ever handed over the charge of this item to her etc. This is rather strange that a simple and straight forward administrative matter should be attempted to be solved by using the RTI Act, 2005, and too within the same office. The State Commission expect such things not to repeat.
4. In view of the above position, the case is disposed of and closed.

Pronounced in open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 19th day of March, 2009.


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