

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

Present: Shri Jagadananda, SIC

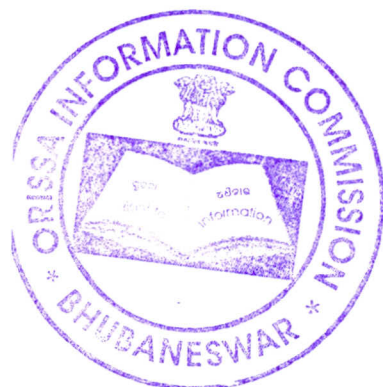
Date: 03rd February, 2009

Complaint Case No. 745/2007

Debi Prasad Mohapatra,
At-Binakahandi,
PO-Sambalpur-768001,
Sambalpur DistrictComplainant

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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

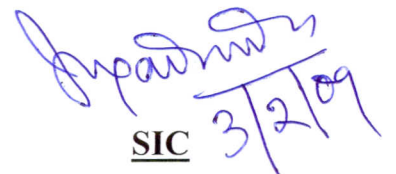
1. Complainant Debi Prasad Mohapatra is absent. The same is condoned under Rule 9(2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. Dr. Rama Raman Mohanty, Professor and Head of the Department, P.G. Cell-cum-PIO is present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. The Complainant filed form A application on 09.04.07 and sought copies of the question booklets alongwith evaluated answer sheet etc of P.G. Entrance Examination, 2007. The PIO stated that he intimated the Complainant to deposit the cost of information as Rs.155/- on 30.4.07.
3. 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. After hearing this the State Commission clarified as in the past, that

deposit of cash meant and included deposit of the same through any messenger including money order, A/c payee Indian Postal Order (IPO) and A/c payee Bank Draft/Demand Draft (but not by cheques) 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 relevant and available information by Registered Post on 07.07.08 and there is nothing left in the matter. The Complainant was absent although 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 bonafidely 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 supra at paragraph 3.
3. The case is closed and disposed of.

Pronounced in open proceedings

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


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