

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR

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

Date: 6th March, 2009

Complaint Case No. 922/2007



Biswajit Mohanty,
C/o- B. Mohanty & Co., Chartered Accountants,
Link Road,
Cuttack-753012,
Cuttack District Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Works Department,
Government of Orissa,
Secretariat,
Bhubaneswar Opposite Party


Decision

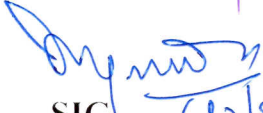
1. Complainant Biswajit Mohanty is absent. The same is condoned under Rule 9(2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. Lingaraj Naik, PIO-cum-Under Secretary, Jaysingh Kisan, Assistant Section Officer both of the Works Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar are present. Heard. Perused the case record. This case arises at of complaint petition dated 07/07/07 and heard by the State Commission on 29/08/08 and 28/11/08.
2. In form A application dated 22/05/07, the Complainant had sought information regarding action taken under Section 4(1)(c) of the RTI Act, 2005, by the Public Authority.

3. The PIO on 29/08/08 had stated that the application was received in this Department on 23/05/07 and information supplied to the Complainant on 10/07/07.
4. As regards the delay, the PIO pleaded that as the implementation of RTI Act was in an initial stage at the relevant point of time, the information could not be supplied on time. Indeed, it was only after receipt of this RTI application, the website arrangements were finalized and information provided as quickly as possible. He prayed that there was no malafide intention to delay or negligent actions.
5. The State Commission after hearing the PIO while condoning the delay, directed the Engineer-in-Chief and Works Secretary to Government as Head of the Public Authority to make a complete and comprehensive website as enshrined under Section 4(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Public Authority. The said website should be weekly updated and frequently upgraded with new information/data etc. so as to be meaningful.
6. With the above observation, the case is disposed of and closed. No order as penalty. Inform the Complainant.

Pronounced in open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 6th day of March, 2009.


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