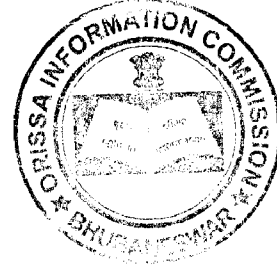


**BEFORE THE ORRISA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

Present:- :- Prof. Radhamohan, SIC

Dated:- 14th September, 2006

Complaint Case No 102/2006



Sri Purusottam Dash, M.V.Sc.
Retd. Instructor,
At-Pratap Sagar Para,
Balangir Town-767001,
Balangir District.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Office of the Chief District Veterinary Officer,
Balangir.....Opposite Party

Decision

1. Sri Debasis Hota, Advocate appears on behalf of the Complainant as his authorized representative. He files Vakalatanama. The PIO of the office of the CDVO Bolangir Opposite Party is present. Heard both sides in detail. Perused the record.
2. Shorn of unnecessary details, the Complainant for information about his DCRG and final pension filed an application on 03/02/06 in Form 'A' before the PIO (OP). The PIO submits to have received the said application on 15/02/06. According to the PIO (OP) information was provided by him to the complainant on 31/03/06 which has not been disputed by the advocate for the Complainant.
3. Learned counsel for the Complainant submits that legible copies of information have not been provided and he insists on supply of legible copies. In reply the PIO(OP) submits that the point wise compliance on the representation of the Complainant sent by the office of his Director has been furnished to the Complainant, which is clearly legible. Perused the copy of the information supplied. It is found to be quite legible photo copy of the original.
4. What is pertinently noticed is that there has been delay of about 15 days in providing the information to the Complainant which is violative of the

provision of section 7 of the RTI Act, 2005(Act for short). The PIO while explaining the said violation submits on his show cause that because of his pre-occupation in the official engagements he could not provide the information on time to the Complainant. This being the first omission on his part he may be excused. He further submits that he is going to retire from Govt. service on superannuation on 30.9.2006(this month) and therefore a liberal view may please be taken. The Advocate-cum-Authorized representative of the complaint has filed a memo to receive the information consisting of 26 pages from the PIO .

5. Considering the submission and the show cause filed by the PIO who is retiring this month, the State Commission took a liberal view of the above violation and exonerate the PIO-OP. Further the PIO who is only left with 15 days of service tenure before superannuation is directed to streamline his office so that RTI applications filed before them under section 6 of the Act shall be attended to promptly and expeditiously without any kind of violation being noticed in future.

With this observation the case of the Complainant is disposed of.

Pronounced

Given under the hand and seal of the state Commission, this the 14th day of September, 2006.



Narayan Kumar

SIC