

**BEFORE THE ORRISA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

Present:- :- Hon'ble Sri D.N. Padhi, SCIC

Dated:- 26th September, 2006

Complaint Case No.126/2006

Sri Pradipta Mishra,
10-A, Station Square,
Unit-3,
Bhubaneswar-751001.....Complainant

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Sri S.C. Rath,
Accounts Officer
Cum-Public Information Officer,
Directorate of Handicrafts and Cottage Industries,
Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Party

Decision

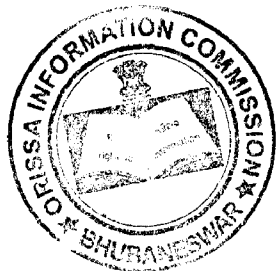
1. The Complainant Sri Pradipta Mishra is present. The PIO Sri Sarat Chandra Rath, Accounts Officer, Directorate of Handicrafts and Cottage Industries, Orissa, Bhubaneswar is present. Heard both sides in detail.
2. It reveals from the record and the submissions of the parties that the Complainant has sought for some information which relate to State Institute for Development of Art and Craft (SIDC).
3. State Institute for Development of Art and Craft (SIDAC) is an independent Public Authority. The PIO of that Authority was not approached by the Complainant. The PIO (OP) supplied the information which were available in his Directorate on 17/06/06. The Complainant alleges that incomplete information has been provided to him by the PIO (OP). The Complainant should have preferred 1st Appeal before the Appropriate Authority u/S 19(1) of the RTI Act,


2005 against the reply received by him from the PIO (OP) instead of filing this complaint case u/S 18 of the Act before the State Information Commission.

4. The PIO (OP) in his reply dated 17/06/06 (within time) has clearly mentioned that the remaining information can be collected by the Complainant from SIDAC which is also Public Authority. In view of the above the Complainant will do well in approaching the PIO-SIDAC for getting the remaining information.
5. The State Commission considering the lapses committed by the Complainant in not approaching the PIO of the appropriate Public Authority is of the firm conclusion that his case is devoid of any merit and hence dismiss the same.

Pronounced

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this the 26th day of September, 2006.




Hon'ble SCIC
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