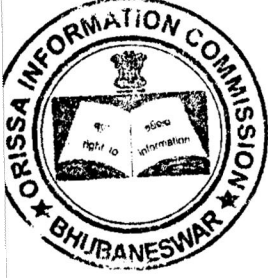


BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR



Present: **Hon'ble Shri D.N. Padhi, S.C.I.C**
and
Prof. Radhamohan, S.I.C

Dated. 6th July of 2006

Complainant Case No. 18/2006

Sri Jagili Harijan,
S/o- Late Ghana Harijan,
At/Po-Bhismagiri,
Ganjam District.....Complainant

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District Inspector of Schools,
Aska, Ganjam District.....Opposite Party

Decision

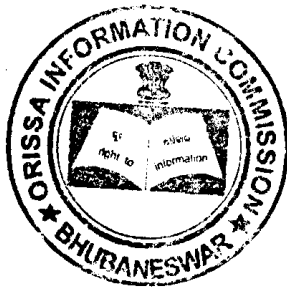
1. Complainant Sri Jagili Harijan who is at liberty to exercise his option either to remain present or not as per the provisions of Rule 9 (2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules 2006, is found absent on repeated calls. The PIO (Opposite Party) Sri Prasant Kumar Mahapatra is present. Heard him in detail.
2. Perused the averments made by the Complainant in his petition dated 08/03/06. He has alleged therein that the Dealing Assistant of the office of the PIO demanded huge bribe for supply of the information and the information sought for him has not yet been provided to him.
3. The District Inspector of Schools (PIO-OP) submits that on 24/12/06 he supplied all the information needed by the Complainant in response to his application filed before him by the Complainant on 03/12/05. Computing a period of 30 days from the date of application, that is 03/12/05, the last date falls on 02/01/2006. And the Public Information Officer has provided the information 10 days before the due


date. Hence it cannot be held that PIO has violated the provisions of Section 7 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.


4. In support of his foregoing submissions the Public Information Officer has furnished the copy of the receipt executed by the Complainant on receiving the information needed by him from the Public Information Officer. The receipt executed by the Complainant is also found to be dated 24/12/2005.
5. Thus the submission of the Public Information Officer gains credibility from the receipt given by the Complainant. Thus the allegation of the Complainant that he has not been provided with the information and that the dealing assistant demanded huge illegal gratification from him is not backed by any substantial and irrefutable evidence. Law is well settled that an information seeker should approach the Public Authority under the Right to Information Act, 2005 and Rules framed thereunder. Allegations of seeking bribes should be brought before the appropriate forums.
6. For the above mentioned reason the case of the Complainant is found devoid of any merit and therefore dismissed.

Pronounced

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 6th day of June 2006.




Hon'ble S.C.I.C


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