

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

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

Dated:- 26th September, 2006

Complaint Case No.28/2006



Sri Harish Dutta,
At/PO-Kostha,
Mayurbhanj District.....Complainant

-Vrs-

1. Sri Natabar Rout, OAS(1) Jr.
Block Development Officer,
Suliapada,
Mayurbhanj District.
2. Sri Bhagamat Soren,
Assistant Block Development Officer
Cum-Public Information Officer,
At-Suliapada,
Mayurbhanj District.....Opposite Parties

Decision

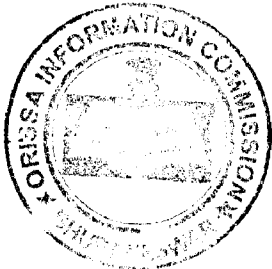
1. Sri Natabar Rout, Block Development Officer of Suliapada Block-cum-1st Appellate Authority is present. He was summoned by the State Commission to file his showcause today against the action proposed to be taken against him u/S 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 (Act for short).On appearance he mentioned that his now Ex-BDO, Suliapada (on leave).
2. Sri Rout has filed his show cause. Perused the same. He orally begs unconditional apology for the dereliction committed by him. The Sub-Collector, Baripada who was appointed as the Authorized Officer on behalf of the State Commission, to conduct an inquiry, has submitted her report dated 10/08/06 wherein it is indicated that an unfortunate incident of attack on the BDO had occurred in the Block office at the relevant time adversely affecting the office


functioning BDO-OP Sri Rout could not sustain the shock due to his old age and deteriorating health condition and remained on leave.

3. The Block Development Officer is the Head of his office, which is a Public Authority. All attempt should have been made by Sri Rout to ensure due implementation of the provisions of Act. Ex-Block Development Officer Sri Rout assures the State Commission that in future on such dereliction shall be committed by him and he shall scrupulously abide by the provisions of the Act.
4. The State Commission after having heard the delinquent 1st Appellate Authority Sri Rout and on perusal of the inquiry report dated 10/08/06 submitted by the Sub-Collector accept the assurance given by Sri Rout and exonerate him from the ambit of the action proposed against him u/S 20 of the Act with the observation that regardless in of which post Sri Rout holds, on return from leave, he will deal with applications under the Act with efficiency and within the prescribed time lines. Dereliction, if any, in the future will be seriously viewed. With these observations the case is therefore closed.

Pronounced

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




Hon'ble SCIC
26.9.06