

**ODISHA INFORMATION COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Present: Shri Jagadananda,SIC**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013.**

**Second Appeal No.769/2012,**

Chakradhar Behera,  
At/P.O.-Bati,  
Via-Simulia,  
District-Balasore.....Appellant.

**Vrs.**

Public Information Officer,  
Directorate of T.E & SCERT,  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar,  
District-Khurdha.

First Appellate Authority,  
Directorate of T.E & SCERT,  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar,  
District-Khurdha.....Respondents

**Decision**

1. Pradeep Kumar Dash, the authorised representative of the Appellant Chakradhar Behera is present. Tilotamma Senapati, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, Directorate of Teacher Education & SCERT, Odisha, Bhubaneswar is present. Heard and perused the case records. This matter arises out of Appeal petition dated 20.6.2012.
2. The Appellant had filed the Form-A application dated 10.02.12 with the PIO, Directorate of Teacher Education & SCERT, Odisha, Bhubaneswar seeking photocopy of the manuscript submitted for considering its inclusion in the MIL Text Book for Class-VII.
3. The Appellant had alleged that while he was intimated the fact that the manuscript is not available in the Curriculum Cell of the Public Authority

vide letter No. 1845 dated 21.3.12, the ex-Director of the Public Authority had categorically stated that the said manuscript is available in the Public Authority. In view of this conflicting situation, the Director, TE & SCERT was appointed as an Authorised Officer to conduct a comprehensive enquiry into this matter; ensure an intensive search to locate the manuscript and supply a photocopy of the same to the Appellant and submit compliance thereof.

4. The PIO submitted that after a massive search, the manuscript in question was salvaged and immediately thereafter in compliance to the orders of the Commission, a photocopy of the same was sent to the Appellant vide letter No.968 dated 14.02.13 by speed post.
5. On perusal of the relevant records produced before the Commission, it is revealed that although the manuscript was approved by the Curriculum Committee as back as in 1994 and was transmitted to the Bureau of Textbook Production for its printing, it could not materialise. However, while the precious need of the Appellant has been met albeit belatedly, an assurance has been held out to him to explore all possibility to include the article of the Appellant at the time of next revision of Syllabus of the M.I.L. Textbook meant for Class-VII vide letter No.594 dated 30.01.12.
6. The Director, TE & SCERT, Bhubaneswar is advised to keep a special note of this fact and must place this matter before the appropriate forum for its re-consideration in future and at the same time, the Appellant should also be kept informed of this so that not only himself but also the writers as a whole would feel honoured for their services in bringing about qualitative improvement in the course materials from time to time.

7. In the facts and circumstances of the case, we leave no doubt in our mind that the delay caused in this case is purely circumstantial.
8. With the observation supra, the case is disposed of and closed with no orders of penalty.

**Pronounced in open proceedings**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2013.

Sd/-

**State Information Commissioner**