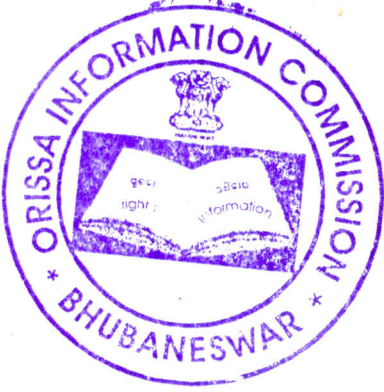


BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR

Present: Hon'ble Shri D.N.Padhi, SCIC
and
Shri Jagadananda, SIC

Date: 12th February, 2009

Complaint Case No. 99/2007



Lachhami Narayan Agarwalla,
At-Rajabazar,
PO-Jatni,
Jatni-752050,
Khurda DistrictComplainant

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Public Information Officer,
Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.,
C/2, Nayapalli,
Bhubaneswar-751012.....Opposite Party

Decision

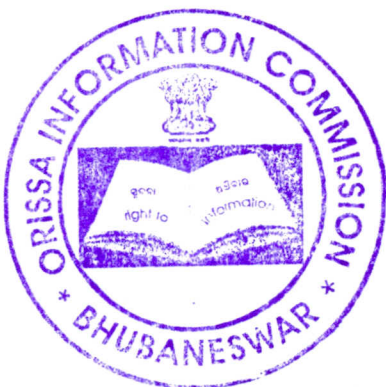
1. Complainant Lachhami Narayan Agarwalla is absent but is represented by Ganesh Agarwalla. The same was accepted. Krishna Chandra Dash, PIO-cum-Civil Supplies Officer, Puri is present. Heard. Perused the case record. This case arises out of complaint petition dated 02/02/07, and earlier heard on 19/09/07, 12/12/07, 22/11/08 and 14/03/08.
2. The form A application dated 22/12/06 was received by the PIO, District Civil Supplies Office, Puri. The Complainant has sought information on seven items. Since he did not get any information on time he approached the State Commission through a complaint petition on 02/02/07.
3. The crux of the matter is that the Complainant wanted refund of his storage agent security money from the years 1974-75 to 1980-81 and 1981-1989. The C.S.O.-cum- PIO who was present on 14/03/08 had


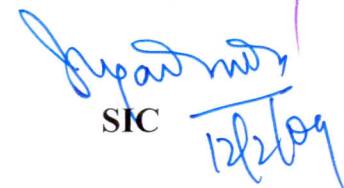
stated that security money could be refunded only after obtaining audit clearance certificate from the departmental Auditors. He made only an oral submission during the course of hearing that it takes long time and only after receipt of clearance report from the Department it will be possible for him to refund the security money. The State Commission were of the view that, however long the procedure may be, the matter cannot rest pending for more than thirty years. No Government procedure should require thirty years to complete and the PIO was, therefore, directed by the State Commission to take vigorous steps and obtain the audit clearance certificate from the Department and settle the case as per existing law, of the Complainant within a month and report compliance to the State Commission through the Registrar on or before 22/01/08.

4. The PIO stated today that security deposit of Rs.15,000/- has been released a few days ago in favour of the Complainant, after obtaining all clearances. But the representative of the Complainant stated that he has not been received the same. The PIO was directed to ensure that the same is received by the Complainant within 7 days and report compliance to the State Commission through the Registrar. The Complainant expressed his gratitude to the State Commission for their orders.
5. Subject to the compliance as supra, the case is disposed of and closed.

Pronounced in open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 12th day
of February, 2009.




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