

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR

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

Date: 18th August, 2009

Complaint Case No.1488/2008

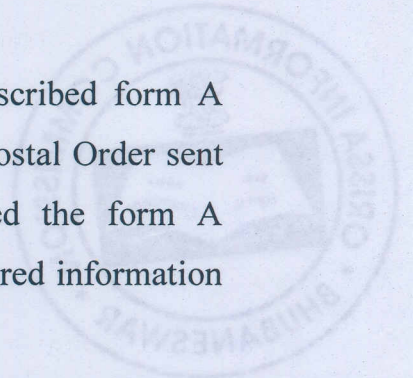
Umesh Kar,
Daringibadi-762104,
Kandhamal district.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Office of the District Inspector of Schools,
PO-Balliguda,
Kandhamal district.....Opposite Party

Decision

1. The Complainant Umesh Kar is present. Rabinarayan Mahalik, PIO-cum-Statistical Assistant, office of the District Inspector of Schools, Balliguda, Kandhamal district is also present. Heard them. Perused the case record. This matter arises out of the complaint petition dated 10/10/08.
2. Complainant had sought information in form A application dated 06/08/08 from the PIO, office of the District Inspector of Schools, Balliguda, Kandhamal district on the scholarships awarded to local students and NRTS result etc. The details of the queries have been mentioned in the form A application of the Complainant, which are on record.
3. The Complainant alleged that he had applied in the prescribed form A application alongwith fees of Rs.10/- in shape of Indian Postal Order sent by registered post. But unfortunately, the PIO returned the form A application alongwith the IPO without furnishing the required information



on the plea that the fees in shape of IPO was not acceptable as per the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO admitted today to the mistake due to their ignorance at that point of time.

4. The State Commission while explaining to the PIO, the cogent and salient points of the RTI Act, 2005 and their previous decision, directed him to receive henceforth fees in shape of IPOs, Bank Drafts, cash, money orders and deposits by Treasury Challan and supply required information to the citizens, so that their right is appropriately safeguarded.
5. While pleading pardon, the PIO submitted that the required information was ready and if desired, he could furnish the same to the Complainant. The latter however, refused to accept them as the said information had relevance at that point of time and would be of no use to him now. He requested that the matter be closed and complained of no harassment as the information required was only of academic interest.
6. The request of the Complainant was accepted. The case was, therefore, disposed of and closed with no orders on penalty. PIO was, however, cautioned to be careful in future..

Pronounced in open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 18th day of August, 2009.




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