

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

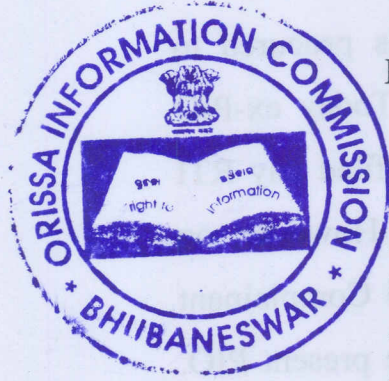
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Present: Shri Jagadananda, SIC

Date: 28th July, 2009

Complaint Case No. 414 / 2008 and 415 / 2008

Barendra Das,  
At-Badamandaruni,  
PO-Masanbaria,  
Balasore District.....Complainant



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Public Information Officer,  
Office of the Block Development Officer,  
At/PO-Bhograi,  
Balasore District.....Opposite Party

Decision

1. Complainant Barendra Das is absent. His absence is condoned under Rule 9 (2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure Rules) 2006. Dhananjay Hembram, Fishery Extension Officer-cum-PIO, Adwaita Kumar Sahu, Social Educational Organizer-cum-ex-PIO, Panchayat Samiti Office, Bhograi, Balasore district are present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. The case was earlier heard on 13/01/09 and 21/04/09. The Complainant in his RTI form A applications dated 31/10/07 and 05/11/07 sought information on Mid-Day-Meal details and BPL family particulars etc., respectively. Since the Complainant was same and the issues were identical, both the cases were taken together for analogous hearing.
3. This complaint case arises out of complaint petition filed on 31/03/08. alleging that the RTI application was refused to be received by the

concerned PIO. The PIO submitted that there was no record available with them in respect of the RTI application stated to have been refused. The Complainant could not produce any material evidence in support of his claim of filing the application. During the hearing on 13/01/09 the Complainant had conceded that all the information has been furnished only after the intervention by the State Commission.

4. The presence of the ex-PIO, Adwaita Kumar Sahu was procured to explain the reason for refusal of the RTI application. Today ex-PIO stated that it is not a fact that the Complainant had ever filed any RTI application during his incumbency seeking information. However, on receipt of the application from the State Commission, the Complainant was provided the required information on 07/01/09 by the present PIO. The present PIO in his averment confirmed that RTI records maintained at the public authority does not contain either of the application.
5. After hearing from the PIO and ex-PIO and on perusal of records, the State Commission, direct the head of the Public Authority namely the Block Development Officer to streamline the RTI related management at their end to enable citizens to file RTI application without any hindrance in future. The Complainant had received all the information. There is no other issue to prolong this case further and accordingly both the cases are closed and disposed of. Inform the Complainant.

**Pronounced in open proceedings**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 28th day of July, 2009.



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