

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

BHUBANESWAR

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

Date: 21st July, 2008

Complaint Case No.432/2007

Chakadola Sahu,
At/PO-Govindpur,
Via-Bargarh,
Bargarh District.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer-cum-
Directorate of Secondary Education,
Heads of Department Building,
Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Party



Decision

1. Complainant Chakadola Sahu is absent. The same is condoned under Rule 9 (2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. Kedarnath Acharya, PIO, Directorate of Secondary Education, Orissa, Cuttack is present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. Form A application of the Complainant dated 20/07/06 was filed with the PIO, School and Mass Education Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar wanting to know the status of the Trained Graduate Teachers (TGT for short) of Government High Schools in Orissa appointed on adhoc basis during 1986-87. This case had been heard by the State Commission twice earlier on 06/02/08 and 29/04/08 . The PIO, School and Mass Education Department had earlier submitted that they transferred the application under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Directorate of Secondary Education, Orissa,

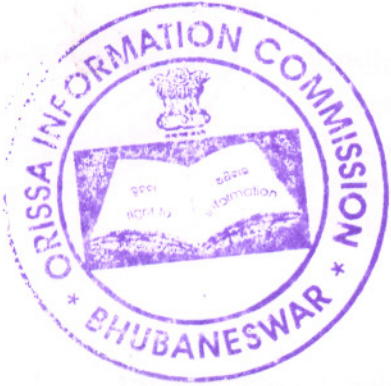
Bhubaneswar vide their letter no. 16660 dated 19/08/06. The State Commission directed the PIO to ensure that transfer of applications are done within 5 days.


3. The PIO, Directorate of Secondary Education had mentioned that they received the application on 19/08/06 and required information were sent to the Complainant vide letter no. 45347 dated 07/10/06. The Complainant, however, had stated on 06/02/08 that he had not received complete information. The State Commission on the same day had directed the PIO, Directorate of Secondary Education, Orissa to provide complete information to the Complainant, free of cost, by 02/03/08. Thereafter, the PIO supplied, free of cost, complete information to the Complainant vide letter no.817 dated 28/02/08.
4. On 29/04/08 while confirming the receipt of the information, the Complainant had mentioned that he wanted some additional clarifications on those informations. The PIO was directed to give an opportunity to the Complainant to meet him and clarify the doubts within 15 days. The PIO submitted today that in obedience to the orders of the State Commission had been met vide letter no.25460 dated 14/05/08. As regards the delay, PIO submitted that they had to collect the information from 5 Circle Inspectors located at different parts of the State, and after strenuous efforts and lot of co-ordination, the information were collected and supplied. He pleaded that there was no malafide intention in withholding any information, and the delay was circumstantial. The State Commission, on perusal of all documents and in appreciation of the efforts made by the Directorate, exonerated the PIO / referred PIOs of any charge of delay.

5. In view of the above, the case is disposed of and closed. Inform the Complainant.

Pronounced in open Proceedings.

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 21st day of July, 2008.




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