

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

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

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2008**

**Complaint Case No.454/2007**

Himansu Ranjan Mohanty,  
At-Forest Range Office,  
PO-Khandapara,  
Nayagarh District.....Complainant

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1. Public Information Officer,  
Finance Department,  
Government of Orissa,  
Secretariat,  
Bhubaneswar
2. First Appellate Authority  
Finance Department,  
Government of Orissa,  
Secretariat,  
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Parties



**Decision**

1. Complainant Himansu Ranjan Mohanty is absent despite notice by speedpost. He was communicated on 12/02/08 to appear before the State Commission positively so that a finality can be reached in this matter. Unfortunately, he has preferred to remain absent. Bijaya Kumar Mohanty, PIO-cum-Joint Secretary, Rama Chandra Mekap, Under Secretary and Basanta Kumar Tripathy, Under Secretary all of the Finance Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar are present. Heard. Perused the case record.

2. The case was last heard on 12/02/08. The facts of the case are as follows:-

The Complainant had filed form A application dated 19/02/07 with the PIO, Finance Department, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar to know the action taken against Forest Department for violating Finance Department guidelines concerning contractual appointments made during 2004. The PIO had submitted that he had received the application on 22/02/07. The required information was called for from the concerned Sections ( Budget V and E.S.-1) of Finance Department. The referred PIOs furnished the information which were basically copies of the notesheet orders of the Finance Minister. The PIO had submitted that the suggestion of the Finance Department to the Forest Department was not to enter into engagement of contractual employees after the merger of two cadres of Village Forest Workers and Foresters following the prescribed procedure. The Forest Department had also been advised to amend the cadre rules accordingly. The Complainant was, thereafter, requested vide letter no. 10354 dated 09/03/07 to deposit the cost of information. The latter deposited the costs on 05/04/07 and received the information the same day. The PIO, Finance Department further stated that as on date the two cadres have not yet been merged and hence there was no bar on contractual appointments in the public interest.


3. In view of the above factual situation the Complainant was accorded an opportunity to have his say. He is absent today. Presumably he is satisfied with the information that he has received.

4. As there is no delay and all information have been supplied, the opposite party are exonerated from any charges of delay etc under the RTI Act,2005 and consequently 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.



  
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