

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

BHUBANESWAR

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

Date: 26th July, 2008

Complaint Case No. 66 / 2007



Jagabandhu Panda,
Qrs. No. 13/2, Type-VA,
Unit-II,
Bhubaneswar-751009.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer
Steel and Mines Department,
Government of Orissa,
Secretariat,
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Party

Decision

1. Complainant Jagabandhu Panda and Debadutta Suranjita Jena, Under Secretary-cum-PIO of Steel and Mines, Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar are present. Heard both parties and perused the case record.
2. It reveals from the record that this case was earlier heard by the State Commission on 18.09.07, 03.10.07 and 16.01.08. The Complainant in his form A application dated 16.12.06 has sought photocopies of the order sheets of file no. XIII-SM-65/2006 including the views of the Finance Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar vide their U.O.I note of Steel and Mines Department, Government of Orissa,

Bhubaneswar. Not receiving any information he approached the State Commission by way of a complaint petition dated 19/01/07.

3. In order dated 18.09.07 the State Commission had directed the PIO to provide all information within 15 days that is by 03.10.07, and report compliance to the State Commission. It was submitted by the PIO on 03.10.07 that in obedience to the direction of the State Commission dated 18.09.07 she had supplied the necessary photocopies to the Complainant on 01.10.07 by registered post. However, the Complainant had submitted that day that he had not received any information by post.
4. Today it is submitted by the Complainant that he had expressed his desire in his form A application to receive the information in person but it has been sent by registered post, which has not reached him. The PIO in reply submitted that while complying with the direction of the State Commission she had sent the information to the Complainant by registered post. It is also submitted by the PIO that the Complainant was allowed to inspect the file on 03.11.06. The said fact is also admitted to by the Complainant, who only disputed the fact that the entire file was not shown to him. Having heard the parties as above the State Commission direct the PIO to provide updated information to the Complainant strictly in accordance with his form A application dated 16/12/06. In case the Complainant needs any additional information it is open to him to submit a fresh form A application.
5. Having heard as above, the State Commission also directed the First Appellate Authority to convene a meeting and show the relevant file to

the Complainant and provide photocopies as directed supra, free of cost, within 30 days and report compliance to the State Commission. This was accepted by the Complainant and the PIO. Subject to the compliance of the above direction the case of the Complainant is disposed of and closed.

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Pronounced in open proceedings.

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 26th day of July, 2008.




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