

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

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

Date 24th April, 2007

Complaint Case No. 395 / 2006



Shri Chitta Ranjan Panigrahi,
At - Pachhagan,
PO - Rasalpur,
PS - Sadar,
Balasore District.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
Office of the District Inspector of Schools,
Balasore.....Opposite Party

Decision

1 Complainant Shri Chittaranjan Panigrahi is absent. His absence, however, will not adversely affect the merits of the his case in view of the provisions of Rule 9 (2) of the Orissa Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006. Shri Premananda Piri, PIO in the Office of the District Inspector of Schools, Balasore is present. Heard. Perused the case record.

2 It is seen from the record that Complainant had sought for information in form A application dated 25/08/06 from the PIO, Office of the District Inspector of Schools, Balasore regarding the income and expenditure of

A. N. Nodal U. P. School, Rasalpur, Balasore from the period 2003 - 2006, in terms of :

- (i) Photocopies of income of School from every source,
- (ii) the proof of amount deposited in the account, and
- (iii) auction papers of two old houses (L. P. and M. E.)

3 The PIO submitted that the application of the Complainant was sent to the concerned Headmaster of A. N. Nodal U. P. School, Rasalpur on 31/08/06 to furnish the information, as the entire information was supposed to be with them being a school-specific information need.

4 Not getting any information from the concerned Headmaster, the PIO issued two reminders vide letter no. 2753 dated 11/09/06 and letter no. 3077 dated 13/10/06.

5 The Headmaster of A. N. Nodal U. P. School, Rasalpur sent the required information to the PIO, DI of School, Balasore vide letter no. 43 dated 16/10/06. The latter then informed the Complainant vide letter no. 3119 dated 19/10/06 that the information had been collected and were now available for him to collect. The Complainant did not turn up. The PIO was directed to send the information to him by post.

6 After hearing the PIO, the State Commission is of view that though there is apparently some delay in providing the information to the Complainant, there was no malafide intention as the A. N. Nodal U. P.

School, Rasalpur does not have a regular Headmaster for the last 3 to 4 years. One of the teachers is incharge of the assignment on a non-regular basis, looking after current duties. Hence, he cannot be faulted as he is neither the regular incumbent nor has the necessary training to manage administrative work. So the delay is condoned and case is disposed off and closed.

Shri Chitra Ranjan Panigrahi,
AL - Pachaga
PO - Rasalpur
PS - Sadar.

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Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 24th day of April, 2007.



Public Information Officer,
Office of the District Inspector of Schools,
Balasore.....

Opposite Party

Hon'ble SCIC

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