

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

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

Date 24th April, 2007

Complaint Case No. 395 (A) / 2006



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

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Public Information Officer,
Office of the Block Development Officer,
Sadar Block,
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. PIO, Shri Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, Office of the Block Development Officer, Sadar Block, 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 24/08/06 from the PIO, Office of Sadar Block, Balasore, on the quantum of Government funds provided for the development of the road from Sahanasundari Square to Dolamundai L. I.

point during 2002 - 2003 and 2004 - 2005, whether the works have been done properly or not and photocopies of approval of the Plans and Estimates.

- 3 Initiating action on the said application, the PIO vide letter no. 2881 dated 29/08/06, sought the assistance of the Dealing Assistant, Works Section, Shri Bidyadhar Jena to furnish the information. On obtaining the information the PIO intimated the Complainant vide letter no. 2988 dated 06/09/06 to deposit Rs.32/- towards cost of providing information. As the Complainant did not turn up, the PIO reminded him vide letter no. 368 dated 31/01/07 to receive the information, in person, as desired by him. PIO stated that the information was kept ready in the office and despite two reminders the Complainant did not turn up.
- 4 The facts and circumstances of the case being such, the State Commission are of view that though the application of the Complainant could have been legally rejected ab initio for not depositing the required cost the PIO had been co-operative in discharging his responsibility under the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5 Hence the case is disposed off and closed.

Pronounced

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


Hon'ble SCIC

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