

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

BHUBANESWAR

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

Date: 6th May, 2008

Complaint Case No.531/2007

T.Nageswar,
At/PO-Nuapada-761011,
Chikiti,
Ganjam DistrictComplainant

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Public Information Officer,
Nuapada Gram Panchayat,
Nuapada-761011,
Chikiti,
Ganjam District.....Opposite Party



Decision

1. Both the Complainant T.Nageswar and Chandra Sekhar Mohapatra, PIO-cum- Fisheries Extention Officer, Chikiti Block Office, Ganjam District are present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. Complainant mentioned that he had filed form A application dated 08/02/07 with the PIO, office of the Block Development Officer, Chikiti, Ganjam District seeking to know the amount allotted for different projects/works alongwith copies of working order to Nuapada Gram Panchayat for the period 2005 to 2007.. The PIO, Chikiti Panchayat Samiti (Block Office) replied vide letter 1105 dated 07/03/07 asking him to approach the PIO, Nuapada Gram Panchayat for the required information. This action of the PIO is violative of the spirit and provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, (Act for short) and hence is deprecated. He should have transferred the application under Section 6 (3) of the Act to the PIO of the said Gram

Panchayat under intimation to the Complainant. He should ensure this in future. But, the Complainant, thereafter, filed a plain paper application with the PIO, Nuapada Gram Panchayat. The Complainant mentioned that he received the information from the said PIO but were all false. Complainant mentioned that in construction of Brahman Samaj Gosti Kendra Rupees one lakh had been sanctioned but a bill amounting to Rs 1.40 lakh has been made and in another construction of Kalinga Vasya Yuba Sangha Rs. one lakh has been sanctioned but payment of Rs. 3.5 lakh was made. No delay, if any, can be computed as the Complainant had made a plain paper application with the PIO of the Nuapada Gram Panchayat.

3. After hearing the parties, the State Commission authorized the BDO, Chikiti to enquire into the matter by 03/06/08 and report compliance to the State Commission through the Registrar and clarify the fact to the Complainant. The latter was advised to approach the appropriate forum if he suspected any illegal actions on the basis of information now available with him.
4. Subject to the above compliance , the case is disposed of and closed. Put up on 04/06/08 for perusal of compliance report.

Pronounced in open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 6th day of April, 2008.


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