

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

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

**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2008**

**Complaint Case No. 38 / 2007**



Sukanta Kumar Dwivedy,  
At-Udayanagar,  
PO-Thakurpatna-754134,  
Kendrapara District.....Complainant

**-Vrs-**

Public Information Officer,  
Office of the Block Development Officer,  
At/PO/Via-Goradpur,  
Kendrapara District.....Opposite Party

**Decision**

1. Complainant Sukanta Kumar Dwivedy and Dibakar Nayak PIO Garadapur Block are present. Heard them.
2. The PIO has reported compliance to the order dated 12.10.07 of the State Commission wherein he was directed to provide information to the Complainant within 7 days. It is noticed that instead of providing information to the Complainant by 19.10.07 gave them to him on 24.10.07. This is highly improper and tantamounts to disobedience of orders. He should have acted strictly in accordance with the directions of the State Commission. In case of any difficulty, he

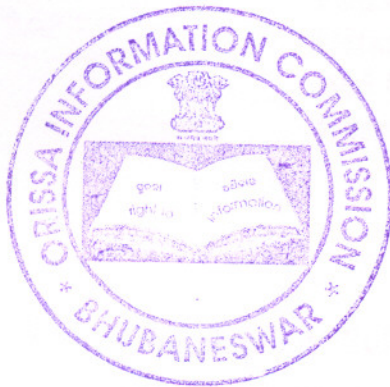
should have made his plea when the deadline was indicated. However, he is warned against recurrence of such dereliction.

3. Now coming to the factual developments of the RTI application. It is seen from the record that the form A application of the Complainant sent by post was not received in the Block office. The same returned with the postal endorsement that there is no such officer in the Block office. Soon thereafter the Complainant moved the State Commission alleging non-cooperation of the PIO.
4. The PIO submitted that he had neither received any application of the Complainant nor had knowledge if any Registered letter was refused to be received in the Block office.
5. Having heard the above the State Commission were inclined to know as to what was the address written on the envelop which is alleged to have been refused. Perused the envelop. The following address was noted.  
Public Information Officer,  
C/o Block Development Office,  
At/PO/Via-Garadpur  
District-Kendrapara
6. The address was found to be correct. It is inexplicable why the postman returned the letter to the sender without enquiring from the BDO as to their PIO. At any rate since information related request was alleged to have been refused and the PIO on receipt of a copy of

the form A application from the State Commission provided the information to the Complainant and he has been asked to streamline the arrangements in his office there is no need to prolong the hearing of this case any more which is hereby allowed. Announced in the open forum.

**Pronounced**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.



**Hon'ble SCIC**

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