

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

BHUBANESWAR

Present:- Prof. Radhamohan, SIC

Dated: - 04th September, 2007

Complaint Case No. 29/2007



Shri Surendra Jena (B),
At-Pokhariput,
PO-Aerodrome Area,
Bhubaneswar.....Complainant

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1. Public Information Officer
Office of the Orissa State Housing Board,
A/32, Kharavel Nagar,
Bhubaneswar
2. First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Orissa State Housing Board,
A/32, Kharavel Nagar,
Bhubaneswar.....Opposite Parties

Decision

1. PIO Shri Basant Kumar Sahani, First Appellate Authority Shri Manas Ranjan Dash, at present Scheme Officer of Orissa State Housing Board and Shri Surendra Jena (B) are present. Heard and perused the case record.

2. The Complainant filed form A application on 11/09/06 and it was received on the same date. The PIO responded to the form A application vide his letter No.13495 dated 09/10/06 requesting him to make good the deficiency found in the application. The Complainant supplied some materials to make good the deficiency found in the earlier application. After getting cross checked with the concerned Division-I, the PIO, Orissa State Housing Board intimated the Applicant that the information sought for is not available in the public authority although a search was conducted on the basis of the materials supplied by the Applicant vide his letter No.15492 dated 18/11/06.

3. Aggrieved by this information the applicant approached the First Appellate Authority in form D on 21/11/06. But since form D was not accompanied by necessary court fee stamp the Complainant was intimated to provide court fee of Rs.20/- to be able to take up the appeal petition. The PIO mentions that since the Court fee was not affixed the First Appeal application could not be considered and unable to get any redressal from the First Appellate Authority the applicant approached the State Commission on 08/01/07.

4. For early disposal, the case is referred to the First Appellate Authority, OSHB who will convene a meeting on 26/09/07 at 11.30 A.M. in which the PIO, the Complainant and other connected officials of the Division will remain present. Before the meeting is held, the First Appellate Authority will make intensive efforts to trace out the

relevant information. The PIO will report compliance to the State Commission through Registrar on 03/10/07.

5. Subject to compliance the case is closed.

Pronounced

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this the 04th day of September 2007.

Manoj Kumar
SIC 04.9.07

