

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR

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

Date: 5th September, 2007

Complaint Case No. 36/2007

Shri Simanchala Muni,  
Junior Typist,  
J. M. F. C. Court,  
At/PO-Purushottampur,  
Ganjam District.....Complainant

-Vrs-

Secretary  
cum-Public Information Officer,  
Utkal Ayurvedic Cooperative Pharmacy Ltd.,  
Aska,  
Ganjam District.....Opposite Party



Decision

1. Complainant Sri Simanchal Muni is absent, but is represented by Sri Nrusingh Charan Muni on the strength of an authorisation letter dated 4/9/07. Sri Panchanan Parida, Secretary, Utkal Ayurvedic Co-operative Pharmacy Ltd. Aska, Ganjam District is also present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. Complainant's representative mentioned that to obtain some information under Section 6(I) of the RTI Act, 2005 (Act for short) form A application dated 12/12/06 was sent on 12/12/06 to the PIO Utkal Ayurvedic Co-operative Pharmacy Ltd. Aska, Ganjam District by Registered Post with A.D., but the letter was returned unserved with an endorsement viz: "No such addressee available".
3. The PIO mentioned that he was not aware of any registered letter with A.D. of the Complainant being brought to him by the postpeon. He had also not

refused any such letter from the postal authorities. On all days he was in the office. However they do not have a person designated as the PIO, as it is a Society.

4. From a scrutiny of the record it was found that the Complainant had not paid the application fee. On a query, the representative mentioned that the Complainant does not belong to the BPL category.
5. After hearing the parties, the State Commission were of the view that as the application fee had not been paid, the application cannot be entertained under the Act. It was suggested to him that he could file a fresh form A application with fees as prescribed, if the said Society is a "public authority" as defined under Section 2(h) of the Act.
6. In view of this infirmity in the application. The case is disposed of and closed.

**Pronounced**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this the 5th day of September 2007.



**Hon'ble SCIC**

5-9-07