

BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION

BHUBANESWAR

Present: Shri Jagadananda, SIC

Date: 11th December, 2008

Complaint Case No. 137 / 2008



Biswajit Mohanty,
C/o-B.Mohanty & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
Link Road,
Cuttack-753012.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,
District Collectorate,
At/PO-Puri,
Puri District.....Opposite Party


Decision

1. Complainant Biswajit Mohanty is present. , Rasmita Rani Tarasia, PIO-cum-Deputy Collector, Puri Collectorate is present. Heard both parties and perused the case record.
2. It reveals from the record as well as submissions of the parties that the Complainant had filed an application in form A for getting information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Act for short) on 11/10/07 before the PIO, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar. The information sought for are related to lands recorded as Forest in the Revenue records of the State. The PIO, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar transferred the said application to the PIOs of all District Magistrates and Collectors of Orissa.

3. The Complainant in his complaint petition dated 24/01/08 has alleged about the incompleteness of the information as per item no.3 and 4 of his application. The PIO present informed that the form A application was received in the office of the Public Authority on 02/11/07 and after collection of information from the office of the Forest Settlement Officer, Puri, intimation was given to the Applicant vide letter no.1631 dated 20/11/07 to deposit the cost of information. On receipt of the amount of cost, the information furnished to the Complainant through speed post on 01/12/07. Thus the time line prescribed under Section 7(1) of the Act, has been complied by the PIO. She also clarified that the information supplied on item no.2 are as follows:- "28 areas of Forest Block to be declared as Reserved Forest". Hence the question of initiating disciplinary action against any officer does not arise. She also urged that the information supplied in respect of items nos. 3 and 4 are cannot be said to be complete. The Complainant after hearing from the opposite party also confirmed the same.
4. However, the State Commission found that information pertaining to item no.1 seems incomplete and the PIO is directed to furnish complete information within four weeks and report compliance to the State Commission . The PIO had also taken note as how the said information is to be pointedly supplied to the Complainant.
5. Subject to compliance of the above direction by the PIO, the case is disposed of and closed.

Pronounced in the open proceedings

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 11th day of December, 2008.


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