

**BEFORE THE ORISSA INFORMATION COMMISSION**

**BHUBANESWAR**

**Present: Shri Jagadananda, SIC**

**Date: 14th November, 2008**

**Complaint Case No. 997 / 2007**



Ratnakar Jena,  
At/PO-Badabarchi Kayain,  
Via-Randiahat,  
Bhadrak District.....Complainant

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Public Information Officer,  
Finance Department,  
Government of Orissa,  
Secretariat,  
Bhubaneswar .....Opposite Party

**Decision**

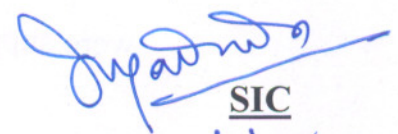
1. Complainant Ratnakar Jena is present. Padmanav Choudhury, Under Secretary-cum-PIO, Freedom Fighters Pension (FFP) Branch, Finance Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar is present. Heard. Perused the case record.
2. This case was last heard on 27/08/08. The Complainant filed form A application on 15/05/07 and deposited fee on 20/05/07 seeking information on his application regarding freedom fighters pension. The PIO had informed the Complainant on 12/06/07 to deposit Rs.28/- towards cost of information. The same was deposited by the Complainant on 07/07/07 and the information were supplied to him on 10/07/07.
3. During the last hearing on 27/08/08 the PIO had submitted that the available information were provided to the Complainant within the time stipulated

under Section 7 (1) and (3) of the RTI Act,2005 (Act for short). Since the Complainant was absent on 27/08/08 he was provided with an opportunity to appear today and participate in the hearing. Today he is present. The Complainant confirms to have received the information. He further submitted that his grievance against the Government regarding FFP needs to be concluded in perpetuity.

4. As regards the above grievance of the Complainant, the PIO clarified that, besides several other deficiencies, the Personal Knowledge Certificate (PKC for short) submitted by the Complainant earlier could not be considered as valid. The Complainant states that he has submitted the PKC afresh but it has not been taken into consideration. The PIO of the Department is advised to take into account the PKC submitted by the Complainant to deal with his residual grievance without least delay.
5. After going through the records and hearing both the PIO and the Complainant, the State Commission is of the conclusion that the Complainant had received all information as per his form A application supra within the prescribed time limit. The State Commission is of the view that information obtained through the provisions of the Act may facilitate redressal of the true grievances, of the seeker but they have to approach other Competent forums for complete redressal of their focal legal necessities.
6. In view of the above, the case is closed and disposed of.

**Pronounced in open proceedings.**

Given under the hand and seal of the State Commission, this 14th day of November, 2008.

  
**SIC**  
14/11/08