



TRIPURA INFORMATION COMMISSION
P.N.Complex: Gorkhabasti, Agartala

Complaint No. TIC – 49 of 2009-10

Dr. Bhabatosh Debnath
C/O Sri Sudarshan Mukherjee
20, L.N. Bari Road
Women's College Chowmuhani
Near Loknath Mandir
Agartala : West Tripura
Pin- 799 001Complainant

Vs

Smt. Swapna Das (Bal), Deputy Director of School Education, Government of
Tripura, Agartala (State Public Information Officer).
.....Opposite Party

ORDER

Dated, 22.03.2010

The complainant Dr. Bhabatosh Debnath is present.

2. The Opposite Party (OP) Smt. Swapna Das (Bal), Deputy Director of School Education, Government of Tripura and the State Public Information Officer (SPIO) appeared and submitted a written representation, which is attached to records.

3. Heard oral submissions made by the complainant and the OP. Also perused the contents of the written request dated 04.01.2010 of the complainant submitted to the SPIO in the Directorate of School Education, the written complaint dated 17.02.2010 of the complainant lodged with this Commission and the written representation dated 22.03.2010 of the OP submitted to this Commission.

4. Brief facts leading to this complaint are that the complainant made a written request on 04.01.2010 to the SPIO in the Directorate of School Education, Government of Tripura accompanied by the requisite amount of application fee seeking some information under the RTI Act, 2005 (for short the Act). Having no response from the concerned SPIO



within the time limit specified in section 7(1) of the Act and even till the date of lodging this complaint, the complainant has approached this Commission with this complaint seeking direction to have access to the information sought for by him. Along with the written complaint, the complainant has furnished photocopies of the relevant documents.

5. The information sought for by the complainant vide his written request dated 04.01.2010 submitted to the SPIO in the Directorate of School Education, Government of Tripura are quoted below:-

- "(i) Is eligible to getting NOC for in-service Candidate to acquire higher education From Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation Deemed University, Salem, Under Distance Course?
 (ii) Guideline for acquire higher education under distance course for in-service candidate."

6. In her written representation dated 22.03.2010, the OP has submitted that in response to the written request dated 04.01.2010 of the complainant, part information was supplied to him by the SPIO vide letter No.F.18(1-281)SE-E/(RTI)/10 dated 28.01.2010 sent under registered post with the direction to deposit an amount of Rs.2/- only as additional fee for supply of the balance information. But, the complainant has not deposited the said amount of additional fee till date and, therefore, the balance information could not be provided to him. In response to this, the complainant has stated to have not received the said letter dated 28.01.2010 of the SPIO and, therefore, a copy of the same is again furnished to the complainant by the SPIO today through this Commission.

7. In view of the above facts and the circumstances of the case, the complaint stands disposed of with the following orders:-

- (i) The complainant shall deposit an amount of Rs.2/- only as additional fee to the OP being the SPIO within a period of 3 (three) days from the date of passing of this order.
- (ii) The OP Smt. Swapna Das (Bal), Deputy Director of School Education and the SPIO is directed to furnish complete and specific information to the complainant as sought for by him vide written request dated 04.01.2010 within a period of 7 (seven) days

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from the date of receipt payment of the additional fee by the complainant as ordered at (i) above.

8. Let copy of this order be sent to the complainant and the OP. Also send a copy of this order to the Director of School Education, Government of Tripura being the head of the Public Authority.

Sd/-
(B.K.Chakraborty)
State Chief Information Commissioner

No. 215-17

Dated, 22.03.2010

Copy to:-

1. Dr. Bhabatosh Debnath, C/O Sri Sudarshan Mukherjee, 20, L.N. Bari Road, Women's College Chowmuhani, Near Loknath Mandir, Agartala : West Tripura, Pin- 799 001 (Complainant).
2. Smt. Swapna Das (Bal), Deputy Director of School Education, Government of Tripura, Agartala (State Public Information Officer) - OP.
3. The Director of School Education, Government of Tripura, Agartala (Head of the Public Authority).


(S.C.Saha)
Secretary

Tripura Information Commission