

MEGHALAYA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Complaint/No. MIC/Complaint/92/2007/26,

Shri Kripesh Ranjan Kar of Guwahati - Complainant

-Vrs-

Shri T.Lyngwa, MCS, A.D.C., (Revenue), East Khasi Hills, Shillong - Respondent

6-6-2008

ORDER

The Complainant, Shri K.R.Kar of Gauhati filed a complaint petition dated 6-5-2008 before this Commission which was received in the Commission on 19-5-2008 enclosing an information request made by him to the Respondent dated 21-3-2008.

The case of the Complainant is that he had filed the RTI application requesting for information on the Patta issued by the Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), East Khasi Hills, Shillong on Plot No.228 located at R.R.Colony, Umpling on 21-3-2008, however, the Respondent/PIO had failed to furnish the information requested even after the expiry of the statutory period of 30 days.

The Commission after scrutiny the complaint registered the instant case for violation of Section 7(2) of the RTI Act, 2005 by the PIO and initiated the process of enquiry.

The Respondent/PIO appeared before this Commission on 6-6-2008 for the purpose of enquiry. According to the Respondent/PIO there is no denial of information to the Complainant. The application for information dated 21-3-2008 regarding issue of Patta on Plot No. 228 located at R.R.Colony, Umpling was received in his office on 24-4-2008 through Registered Post and put up on that date. Immediate, steps had been taken to process the information and on 28-4-2008 the information has been made ready for delivery and forwarding letter had also been made and signed on that day. However, finding that the Complainant has not paid the fee for the copies, the information could not be dispatched. According to the PIO, he has been waiting for queries from the Complainant as has he has given no contact Number in his application. Finding that the statutory period of 30 days is expiring a letter No. L.14/6(26)/2005/67 dated 27th May, 2008 was sent to his address asking him to pay the necessary fee and collect the information.

Having heard the PIO and inspected the records dealing with the matter this Commission is satisfied that there was no refusal or denial on the part of the PIO to furnish the information. The fact that he received the application on 24-4-2008 and made the information ready by 28-4-2008 clearly indicates that the Respondent has taken all necessary steps expeditiously to furnish the information. The delay, if any, is due to the fact that the Complainant has not left any contact Number by which the PIO could have informed him of the availability of information and the requisite fee for copies.

Let the Complainant pay the requisite amount of fee of Rs.36/- (Rupees Thirty Six) only as stated by the Respondent and receive the information from the PIO immediately.

Case disposed of.

(**G.P.Wahlang**)
C.I.C.

Memo. No. MIC/Complaint/92/2007/26-A,

Dated Shillong, the 6th June, 2008

Copy forwarded to:-

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