



**Before the State Information Commission, Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram-695 039.**

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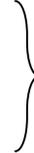
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Complaint No.368/2007/SIC

File No.3305/SIC-Gen2/07

25.08.2007

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Venpalavattom, Anayara P.O.
Thiruvananthapuram - 29.



Petitioner

Vs

Public Information Officer
Taluk Supply Office
Thiruvananthapuram.



Respondent

ORDER

The Complainant approached the Commission with a complaint on 18.05.2007. The facts leading to the complaint can be summarized as follows.

The Complainant requested for some information to the Public Information Officer of the Taluk Supply Office, Thiruvananthapuram on 08.05.2007. The registered letter returned unclaimed with the following remark in red ink: "No such address in Taluk Office". But on the other side of cover the following is written in blue ink! "No such address in Taluk Supply Office." Hence the complaint to the Commission.

On getting the complaint the Commission asked for a detailed report of the PIO. In the report the PIO affirms like this. "The Taluk Supply Officer is the PIO of this office. The Postman has not approached the Supply Officer with any such registered letter.

The Commission examined the complaint and the report in detail. Was there a categorical rejection of request? The writing in the red ink on the cover gives the impression that the letter reached the wrong office. So, the PIO was summoned for a personal hearing. And the hearing was held on 23.08.2007. During the hearing he re-affirmed that the letter in question had never reached him. He showed the Commission a register in which all such requests are seen registered. The dates of replies given are also entered in it. And the Taluk Supply Officer is seen to have received other requests from the second day afterwards. He had disposed of all these within the stipulated time. And on getting a copy of the complaint from the Commission, the PIO deputed his Rationing Inspector to make enquiries and he contacted the complainant to redress the grievance.

The needle of suspicion may point to the PIO- Taluk Supply Officer. But the suspicion cannot be categorically confirmed. Besides his subsequent conduct is quite redeeming. Because of these facts, he is exonerated.

Since the information is seen supplied no further action is necessary. And the complaint is disposed of accordingly.

Dated this the 25th day of August, 2007.