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DEPT REGARDING CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER ODISHA

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REF-YOUR LETTER NO 2728 DATED 06 05 2022 RECEIVED ON 09 05 2022 AND MY RTI DATED 31 01  
2022 REGARDING THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERS (CEOS) OF ODISHA AND THEIR POLITICAL  
AFFILIATION AND LAND ALLOTMENT TO THEM BY GOVT

Sir

It is pertinent to mention that you have not provided details of the profession of the CEOs before they became CEO; you have not explained about their political affiliation before, after and during their tenure as IAS officers and OAS officers as well as not clarified in which position they were serving the Govt as IAS and OAS.

It is pertinent to mention that all the PIOs of two commissions viz Odisha Human Rights Commission OHRC, and Odisha Information Commission OIC do not follow the RTI act themselves and the RTI Act

has become a laughable stock among the premium depts. and commissions because of political interference.

You are suggested to provide the required data at the earliest.

It is seen that the CEO Pyarimohan Mohapatra IAS was principal secretary to Biju Patnaik and turned out to be political advisor of Naveen Patnaik.

You are requested to provide data about the political connection of all the 14 CEOs mentioned by you and specifically about CEO Alka Panda IAS whether she has taken any favour from the Odisha Govt.

You are suggested to transfer my RTI application to the concerned dept where the information is available and it is surprising that to write "NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE"; you are taking several months.

The independence of CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERS (CEOS) is the basic criteria to be appointed in that position to conduct elections. Unfortunately it is not the same in Odisha as prima facie evidence is there under RTI that most of them have political affiliation and chances of quid pro quo is there and the elections conducted by them are not fair as they are not independent and apolitical.

Yours faithfully

Jayanti Das