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To

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Sir

REFERENCE-YOUR LETTER NO. 7278/AIS.I DATED 15 03 2022 RECEIVED ON 19 03 2022

Please refer to your above-mentioned letter regarding my RTI application dated 17 02 2022 addressed to Chief Secretary Odisha which was transferred to you vide letter no 6556 (e) dated 08 03 2022 related to details of favour taken by the Chief Secretaries of Odisha along with their family members from the Ministers of Government of Odisha in any form like land, flat, plot in CDA, BDA, STATE HOUSING SOCIETIES ETC from 1985 to 2022 and list of Chief secretaries and posts allotted after retirement to them from 1985 to 2022.

It is pertinent to mention that it is strange to see that the information is not available with you and it only took 7 days of time to go through about 37 years of record to find out the details and you did not think it proper to transfer it to relevant department.

It is very unfortunate that GA and PG dept has no idea about the information sought about their Chief Secretaries and it can be imagined what type of governance and digitalization is existing in state of Odisha.

It is obvious that the content sought must be in RECORD as they have taken (if) officially and documentation must have been done and you cannot get away by saying "NOT AVAILABLE".

You should clarify why it is not available as govt property is allotted (if) and the reason why the Chief Secretaries have not declared during their selection to the selecting authorities that whether they have taken any favour from Ministers of Government of Odisha in any form during their tenure(if).

You provide a copy of SOP of selecting Chief Secretaries, criteria, guidelines (if) followed or else mention there is no such SOP only discretionary and loyalty counts.

You are suggested to give a reply to my complaint as mentioned in this letter.

Yours faithfully

**Jayanti Das**