A complaint was submitted by T.Beihronga, Saiha Bazar, Saiha, against the SPIO of the Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC) for not giving the information requested for under RTI Act, 2005. A complaint case was registered under No. C. 49/2010-MSIC.

The short fact of the case is that the complainant requested the SPIO of the Mara Autonomous District Council to give certain information on results of the Group 'A' Officer examination conducted by MADC, Saiha, in January 2010. However, as the required information was not given to the complainant within the stipulated time, the complainant lodged a complaint with the Information Commission to get the required information.

Admitting the grievance submitted by the complainant, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the SPIO, MADC as to why appropriate action will not be taken against him for his failure to provide the required information within the specified time as provided under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act 2005. The SPIO was required to submit his statement within 20 days from receipt of the Show Cause Notice and to submit copies of all the required information along with his statement. In compliance, the SPIO submitted the required information to the Commission.

On examination of the required information submitted by the SPIO, there is nothing on the record to show that the information come under either Section 8 or Section 9 of the RTI Act, 2005, for exemption from disclosure. The SPIO, MADC, is, therefore, directed to give certified copies of the required information to the complainant-applicant within 7 days from receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission. Since the SPIO failed to give the required information to the applicant within the specified time, he is further directed to give the required information to the complainant-applicant free of cost as provided under Section 7(6) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Ordered accordingly.

(K. TLANTHANGA)
Information Commissioner