

**Sambalpur, AGIR NO. 1014/2007-08**

**Para-5- Irregular Expenditure of Rs.14,575/-**

A workshop on “Right to Information Act-2005” was held on 24.01.2006 in the Conference Hall of the RDC(ND) Sambalpur to create awareness among the people. To defray the expanses in this connection, the Director of Information & Public Relations Orissa, Bhubaneswar had allocated an amount of Rs.20,000/- which was drawn by the DIPRO Sambalpur vide bill No.121/05-06 and paid to the Asst. Finance Advisor-cum-Under Secretary to RDC(ND) Sambalpur vide cheque No.033506 dt.30.03.2006. The following amounts were spent for the purpose noted against each.

<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Name of the Supplier</u></b>
Supply of 110 Nos. of tiffin packets @Rs.15 per packet for the participants	Rs.1650/-	Sri Chitaranjan Rout Manager RDC's office Canteen
Supply of 200 Nos. of launch packets for the participants @Rs.55 per packets	Rs.11,000/-	-Do-
Supply of 15 Nos. of dinner packets for the participants who stayed in the Circuit House on 23.01.2006 night @Rs.60 each	Rs.900/-	Sri Rajkishore Chhotaray Manager Circuit House Sambalpur
Supply of 10 Nos. tiffin packets for the above participants each at the rate Rs.100/-	Rs.100/-	-Do
Supply of 370 cups of tea @Rs.2.50 per cup	Rs.925/-	Sri Krishna Sahu
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs.14,575/-</b>	

In this context Annexure 6 of OGFR Vol-1 read with FD Memo No.Codes 18/78-21053 dt.26.4.1978 and No.13/87-10412/F dt.9.3.87 stipulates that in the purchase of articles other than those obtainable from firms on rate contract basis quotations sealed tender should be invited if the value of articles exceeds Rs.10,000/-. A comparative statement of rates should be prepared and purchases should be made in the most economical manner so as to avoid loss to Government exchequer. Hence the observations of audit are as follows.

- i. No uniform rate structure either for meal or tiffin packets was prescribed/adopted

- ii. Further number of food and tiffin packets were arbitrarily purchased without assessing the number of participants. For example when tiffin pkts were purchased for 110 participants food pkts were purchased 200 Nos. of participants.
- iii. Thirdly as the amount involved in the purchase of meals and tiffin was more than Rs.10,000/- no tender was called for from the intending supplies as a token of regulatory economic procedure. Hence the total expenditure of Rs.14,575/- was irregular. It may be regularised under the orders of the competent authority. To an audit query the DIPRO replied that the expenditure was incurred by the RDC(ND) Sambalpur and noted the observations of audit.