

# GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

'Kamat Towers', Seventh Floor, Patto, Panaji – Goa

## CORAM: Shri Juino De Souza State Information Commissioner.

Appeal No. 224/SIC/2011; Appeal No. 229/SIC/2011; Appeal No. 254/SIC/2011;  
Appeal No. 255/SIC/2011; Appeal No. 256/SIC/2011; Appeal No. 260/SIC/2011;  
Appeal No. 261/SIC/2011; Appeal No.262/SCIC/2011; Appeal No. 263/SIC/2011

Nishant G. Sawant,  
Ponda, Goa.

..... Appellant

V/s.

PIO/Executive Engineer, WD. XVIII,  
Ponda - Goa.

..... Respondent

### Relevant emerging dates:

Date of Hearing : 08-03-2016

Date of Decision : 08-03-2016

## O R D E R

1. The above 9 Appeals are clubbed together and disposed with one common order.
2. The Appellant Mr. Nishant G. Sawant present in person. Respondent PIO Mr. Narayan Mayenkar alongwith APIO Mr. Somnath Devdas and the FAA represented by Shri Dilip B. Khawte are all present in person.
3. During the hearing the PIO contended that the Appellant has filed nine appeals pertaining to one and same party regarding various tenders and although the information is kept ready, the Appellant does not come forward to make payment for the information copies and wants them free of cost.
4. The Appellant per contra submits that as per RTI Rules he is entitled for free copies and need not pay for them.
5. The Commission observes that the Appellant is a habitual information seeker and is filing multiple applications with same, similar or slightly altered information request under RTI Act on issues of tenders in the PWD department and when the information is ready, he does not come forward to collect the same and wants it free of cost which is utter abuse of RTI.
6. The Commission however gives him an opportunity by taking a lenient view and directs the Appellant to approach the office of PIO and collect the relevant information he so desires against payment of the prescribed photocopying charges and other charges as applicable for certified copies as per Government rules within 30 days of the date of Order, latest 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 before 4pm.
7. The PIO is directed to extend full cooperation to the Appellant and furnish the desired information. The Appeals are disposed accordingly. The proceedings in the case are accordingly closed. Pronounced in open court at the conclusion of the hearing. Copy of the Order be given to parties of free of cost.

Sd/-

(Juino De Souza)  
State Information Commissioner