

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

CORAM: Ms Pratima Vernekar & Shri Juino De Souza
State Information Commissioners.

Complaint No: 112/SCIC/2011

Shri Ranjit Satardekar,
Having Office on 1st floor,
Azavedo Building,
Patto, Panaji – Goa.

..... Complainant

V/s.

1. Public Information Officer/
Superintending of Survey & Land Records,
Panaji – Goa.

..... Opponent No. 1

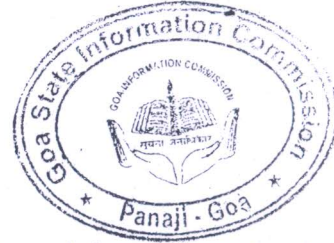
2. Inspector of Survey & Land Records,
City Survey, Panaji – Goa.

.....Opponent No. 2

Relevant emerging dates:

Date of Hearing : 24/2/2016
Date of Decision : 24/2/2016
RTI application filed on : 19/5/2011
Second Appeal filed on : 08/7/2011

ORDER



1. BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE are that the Complainant herein Shri Ranjit Satardekar had filed an application dated 19/5/2011 seeking information from the Public Authority, Inspector of Survey and Land Records for copy of documents of the case bearing Chalta no.6 (Part) PT sheet no. 174 of City Survey Panaji.
2. It is his contention that although the PIO has furnished all the copies of the documents, however he has been charged high fee of ₹ 31/-per page and therefore has demanded refund of excess amount while also insisting on penalty under section 20 of RTI Act 2005 and which is why he has come before the commission in a complaint.
3. During the hearing the Representative of the Complainant Adv Ms F Fernandes who is present submits that the only grievance of the complainant is that of charging of higher fees at the rate of ₹31/- per page instead of the chargeable amount of ₹ 2/- per page as per RTI Rules.

4. The Respondent PIO Mrs. Maya K. Amonkar who is present in person justifies that charges levied for certified copies is correct and that the fees charged are prescribed in the department notification no: 16/5/2010/RD dtd.15/06/2010.
5. The Respondent therefore submits that nothing survives in the complaint as fees charged by the Public Authority are in conformity with the notifications issued by the Government and as such the Complaint may be closed. The Representative of the complainant agrees with the submissions put forth by the Respondent as being true and correct.
6. The Commission while confirming the facts also refers to another notification bearing No. DI/INF/RTI/6474 under section 4 pertaining to fees as per RTI Rules which clearly specifies that higher charges for certified abstract can be charged under relevant rules.

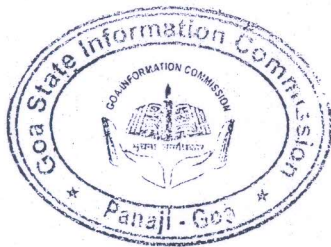
We accordingly order the complaint to be closed.

The Complaint case is closed. Pronounced in open court before the parties who are present at the conclusion of the hearing. Notify the parties concerned.

Authenticated copies of Order be given to the parties free of cost.



(Pratima Vernekar)
State Information Commissioner



(Juino De Souza)
State Information Commissioner