BEFORE THE GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION Seventh Floor, Kamat Towers, Patto, Panaji, Goa.

CORAM: Shri Prashant S. P. Tendolkar Chief Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 22 /SCIC/2016 23/SCIC/2016 41/SCIC/2016

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Shri Jawaharlal T. Shetye,

H. No.35/A, Ward No.II, Khorlim Mapusa.

Complainant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,

The Main Engineer Grade – (Hussein Shah Muzawar), Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,

The Chief Officer (Shri Raju Gawas) Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa – Goa.

Respondents

DATE: 18/04/2017

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1) Perused the application filed by the Complainant on 03/03/2017. In the said application the Complainant has a grievance that the letter of authority filed by authorized person is without office seal. Secondly that it is represented that 45 percent of the lawyers are fake and checking is still on and that 55 to 60 percent of lawyers are validated.
- 2) By referring to the minutes of the meeting dated, 28/10/2014 the Complainant has contended that the Respondent municipality has agreed to retain only three lawyers mentioned in the said application. The Complainant has filed record copy of minutes of the meeting as also copy of the letter, dated 30/01/2017 addressed by him to the Respondent municipality.

- 3) I have perused the application as also the annexures. The Complainant herein has a grievance pertaining to the authenticity of the lawyer and regarding the designated advocates authorized by Respondents municipality. Both these objections does not pertain or come within the ambit of RTI Act 2005 or scope of this Commission under the said Act. Hence this Commission cannot entertain the said objection. It is for the concerned authorities under the relevant Acts governing the Advocates or the municipalities to deal with such objections.
- 4) However, considering the fact that the Respondent municipality is a statutory body, the authorization should be under its official seal.

In view of the above the said application, dated 03/03/2017 is dismissed. However the authorized representative shall file a fresh letter of authority under the official seal and signature of the Respondent Authority.

Sd/-**Mr. Prashant S. P. Tendolkar**State Chief Information Commissioner
Goa State Information Commission,
Panaji-Goa