GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri M. S. Keny, State Chief Information Commissioner

Complaint No.32/SCIC/2010

Shri Kashinath Shetye R/o Bambino Building, Alto Fondvem, Raibandar, Tiswadi- Goa.

Complainant.

V/s.

The Public Information Officer, Dte. Of Official Language, Junta House, Panaji- Goa.

..... Opponent.

Adv. S. Satardekar for the Complainant.

Opponent in person.

ORDER (13-05-2010)

- 1. The Complainant Shri Kashinath Shetye, has filed this Complaint praying that the information as requested by the Complainant be furnished to him correctly free of cost as per section 7 (6) and as per circular and the annexure I to V that penalty be imposed on the Public Information Officer as per law for furnishing the information to the complainant, for compensation as well as for inspection of documents.
- 2. The gist of the complaint is as under:-

That the complainant has filed an application dated 14/01/2010 seeking certain information under right to information Act 2005 ('RTI' Act for short) from the Public Information Officer (PIO) Department of Information and technology. That the said application was transferred as per section 6(3) of the RTI Act to the Opponent. That the Opponent failed to furnish the required information as per the application of the Complainant and that no inspection was allowed. Hence the present complaint on various grounds as set out in the complaint.

- 3. The Opponent resists the complaint and their reply is on record. It is their case that the complainant was called to pay the challan for certified copies. Subsequently the information which was available had been furnished.
- 4. Heard Dr. K. Govekar representative of the Complainant and the opponent in person and also perused the records.

It is seen that the complainant has sought certain information from the Public Information Officer Department of Information and technology. By letter dated 25/01/2010 and the PIO Department of Information & Technology transferred the application under section 6(3) in respect of Sr. No. 3, so as to give the suitable reply, to the opponent herein. It is seen that by letter dated 02/02/2010 the complainant was requested to visit the office and to pay the challan for certified copies of the file movement index as required by him. This letter is in time However, the complainant it appears that did not go to pay the amount nor to collect the copy i.e. information. Along with the reply copy of file movement index annexure I is annexed. This information is as existing with the PIO. Had the complainant gone to collect or at least pay the amount perhaps this complaint would have been avoided.

5. It is contended on behalf of the Complainant that this is not the information and it should be in five annexures. What information was available has been provided.

I have perused the circular dated 09/06/2009, which is on record. The same aims at speedy disposal of files and curtail delays and to some extent shows accountability. In any case there is no harm if this is implemented by the office of opponent herein. The five annexures mentioned should be followed.

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6. Since whatever information available is furnished no further intervention

of this commission is required.

Regarding delay, the same cannot be attributed to the opponent

complainant failed to pay the fees and also failed to collect the information.

7. In view of the above the following order is passed.

No intervention of this commission is required. The complaint is disposed

off.

The Opponent to follow the said circular and maintain the file movement

index as per the circular and if the same is implemented the commission be

informed after thirty days from the day of receipt of this order.

The complaint is accordingly disposed off.

Pronounced in the commission on this 13th day of May, 2009.

Sd/-(M. S. Keny) State Chief Information Commissioner No. GSIC/Comp/32/SCIC/2010

Goa State Information Commission

Shrama Shakti Bhavan, Patto Plaza, Ground floor,

Panaji – Goa.

Dated: 14/05/2010.

1) Shri Kashinath Shetye R/o Bambino Building, Alto Fondvem, Raibandar,

Tiswadi- Goa.

2) The Public Information Officer,

Dte. Of Official Language, Junta House,

Panaji- Goa.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the copy of the Order dated

13/05/2010 passed by the Commission on the above Complaint for information

and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Meena H. Naik Goltekar) Under Secretary-cum- Registrar

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