## GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

**CORAM:** Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No.115/SIC/2009

Mr. Ramdas Malvankar, H. No. 62/I, Gongorem, Assagao, <u>Bardez – Goa</u>

... Complainant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer, Dy. Director of Panchayats, Directorate of Panchayat, Government of Goa, <u>Panaji – Goa</u>

... Opponent.

Complainant alongwith his authorized representative, Shri C. Barreto. Smt. A. Shirodkar, representative of the Opponent.

## Dated: 02.03.2010

## <u>O R D E R</u>

The information sought by request dated 06.11.2009 under the RTI Act, the Complainant requires to know whether signature of the Complainant and the Opposite Party/Respondent has to be obtained on account of panchanama made during the course of site inspection of illegal construction. By communication dated 24.11.2009 the Opponent provided to the Complainant a copy of the Panchanama format. Not satisfied with the information provided the Complainant, again, on 05.12.2009 reiterated the request dated 06.11.2009. The Opponent on 18.12.2009 informed the Complainant that the information sought by the Complainant does not come within the purview of "information" as defined u/s. 2(f) of the RTI Act. Aggrieved by this reply, the present Complaint.

2. The Complainant contended that the Opponent in the reply dated 01.04.2010 before the Commission that the information sought by the Complainant does not exist in the Goa Panchayati Raj

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Act, 1994 and the Rules framed thereunder. In view of the above submissions made by the Opponent and the Complainant stating that had the Complainant been informed earlier about the information sought, not existing in the Goa Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, and Rules, the Complainant would not have at all preferred the present Complaint and accordingly states that the Complainant withdraws the Complaint.

3. Since the information sought cannot be provided by the Opponent and the Complainant withdraws the Complaint, this Complaint is disposed off as withdrawn.

Sd/-(Afonso Araujo) State Information Commissioner