

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI**

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No.16/SIC/2010

Mr. Ramesh V. Govekar,
R/o. Zorvaddo, Caisua,
Anjuna – Goa ...Complainant.

v/s.

1) Public Information Officer –cum-
Mamlatdar of Bardez,
Mapusa - Goa ... Opponent No. 1

2) Public Information Officer-cum-
Village Panchayat Secretary,
Village Panchayat Verla-Canca,
Bardez – Goa ... Opponent No. 2.

Complainant alongwith authorized representative, Shri Ganesh Gaonkar.

Opponent No. 1 in person.

Opponent No. 2 in person.

Dated: 31.05.2010

ORDER

The Complainant on 18.12.2009 sought information under the RTI Act from the Public Information Officer of 1). Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Ponda, 2). Dy. Collector & SDO, North Goa District, Mapusa, 3). Mamlatdar of Bardez, Mapusa and 4).Village Panchayat Verla-Canca, Bardez and requires to know whether the above authorities have issued any permission/NOC or report for conversion of use of land of Survey No. 12/4 to any Government Department and also furnish certified copy of permission/NOC report of land conversion and establishment of sawmill or transfer the saw mill in survey No. 12/4 of Village Verla.

...2/-

2. The grievance of the Complainant is that only the Public Information Officer, Mamlatdar of Bardez has not provided the information required in the request dated 18.12.2009. Shri G. V. Gaonkar contented that the Mamlatdar has to prepare the report and submit to the Dy. Collector for the purpose of conversion of use of land and the Complainant requires this report as constructions have been carried in a paddy field. Shri Shankhwalkar submitted that the information sought is vague and mentioning the Survey number is not sufficient and the Complainant has to specify the name and the period when such report for conversion was prepared.

3. For the purpose of conversion of use of land the Mamlatdar has to prepare and submit the report under the directions either of the Collector or Dy. Collector depending on the size of the area for conversion. It appears that area above 500sq.mts the conversion has to be applied to the Collector and area below 500sq.mts., to the Dy. Collector. It is under the directions of the Dy. Collector that the Mamlatdar will prepare a report. Whether at the time of preparation of the report or after it has been submitted to the Dy. Collector any information seeker seeks the report, he cannot obtain from the Mamlatdar but from the Dy. Collector.

4. The Complainant sought the conversion sanad from the Dy. Collector and by letter dated 08.01.2010 the Dy. Collector, Mapusa, informed the Complainant that on verification of the records of the office from January 2005 till date, the Dy. Collector's office has not issued any conversion sanad in Survey No. 12/4 in Village Verla in Bardez taluka. Once the conversion has not been issued by the Dy. Collector there is no question of the Complainant requiring the report prepared by the Mamlatdar for the purpose of issuance of

conversion sanad. Even if the Mamlatdar has prepared the report, he will have to submit to the Dy. Collector and in case the Complainant requires this report he has to seek this document from the Dy. Collector and not from the Opponent No. 1.

With these observations, there is no reason to proceed further and the Complaint is disposed off.

Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner

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Goa State Information Commission
Shrama Shakti Bhavan, Gr. Floor,
Patto Plaza, Panaji-Goa

31.05.2010

To,

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of the Order dated 31st May, 2010 passed by the Commission in the above referred Complaint for information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

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

Encl: As above.