

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
AT PANAJI**

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

Complaint No. 171/SIC/2010

Shri Kashinath Shetye,  
Bambino Building,  
Alto Fondvem, Ribandar  
Tiswadi – Goa

... Complainant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
Executive Engineer Div. XII,  
Public Works Department,  
Sanguem – Goa

... Opponent.

Kum. S. Satardekar, representative of the Complainant.  
Opponent in person.

**Dated: 24.06.2010**

ORDER

The Complainant by request dated 01.02.2010 sought information under RTI Act and at Sr. No. 1 to 6 pertaining to personal information of the Executive Engineer, Shri Paranjapee and requires to know the details enumerated at Sr. No. 1 to 6 of the said request. By communication dated 16.02.2010, the Opponent request the Complainant to attend to office and the documents would be available for inspection as they are huge and in large quantities and they will be given after payment of necessary fees. The Complainant, not content with this reply preferred this Complaint.

2. On perusing the information sought by the Complainant in his request dated 01.02.2010 it indicates that they relate to personal information and the Opponent instead of deciding the request of the Complainant vis a vis the exemption clause u/s. 8(1)(e) of RTI Act affecting the privacy of an individual, called upon the Complainant for inspection of those documents as they were huge and large.

3. Considering the nature of the information sought and the reply given by the Opponent, the proper course for the Complaint was to approach the First Appellate Authority rather than prefer Complaint before this Commission. From the tone and tenor of the request dated 01.02.2010 it indicates that it requires adjudication which has to be dealt in appeal. In

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such circumstances, the Complainant to approach the First Appellate Authority by preferring the First Appeal on the decision of the Opponent reflected in the communication dated 16.02.2010 and the First Appellate Authority, i.e. the Superintending Surveyor of Works, PWD, Altinho, to decide the appeal in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act.

With these observations, this Complaint is disposed off.

**Sd/-**  
**(Afonso Araujo)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

