GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 172/SIC/2010

Shri Kashinath Shetye, Bambino Building, Alto Fondvem, Ribandar <u>Tiswadi – Goa</u>

... 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

By request dated 01.02.2010 the Complainant sought information under RTI Act enumerated at Sr. No. 1 to 21. The Opponent by communication dated 16.02.2010 requested the Complainant to attend the office for inspection as the documents were huge and large in quantity and thereafter specify copies of documents required which would be provided to the Complaint after payment of necessary fees. Not satisfied with this information provided by the Opponent the Complainant preferred the present complaint.

2. On perusing the request, the Complainant requires the information pertaining to the organization, functions and duties of Public Authority under RTI Act as well as under CPWD Manual, 2008. It is not proper on the part of the Complainant in the same application seeking the information pertaining to the role of the Public Authority under the RTI Act also seeking information on the functions of the same Public Authority under CPWD Manual, 2008. All the provisions under RTI Act are mandatory and section 4 of the RTI Act enumerated at (a) to (d) specifically casts obligations on the Public Authority to comply with the directions given in section 4(a) to (d) of the RTI Act. The Opponent cannot say that the information sought on the Public Authority under RTI Act is huge and large

and in view of the mandatory provisions of section 4 of the RTI Act, the Opponent must provide the information to the Complainant.

3. Hence, the Complaint partly succeeds and the Opponent is directed to provide the information at Sr. No. 1 (part), 2(part), 3 (part), 6(part), 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21 directly to the Complainant. within the period of twenty days from the date of receipt of this Order.

Sd/-(Afonso Araujo) State Information Commissioner