GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 287/SIC/2010

Shri Kashinath Shetye,
R/o. Bambino Building,
Alto Fondvem, Ribandar,
Tiswadi – Goa   ... Complainant.

                    V/s.

Public Information Officer,
Mapusa Municipal Council.
Mapusa – Goa   ... Opponent.

Kum. S. Satardekar, representative of the Complainant.
Opponent absent.

Dated: 01.07.2010

O R D E R

The Complainant by request dated 10.02.2010 sought information under RTI Act from the Public Information Officer, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Panaji pertaining to the buildings having illegal mobile towers and enumerated at Sr. No. 1 to 12. By letter dated 11.02.2010 the said Public Information Officer transferred the request to the Public Information Officer/Chief Officer of Mapusa Municipal Council. As the Opponent failed to furnish the information required, the present Complaint.

2.   Apart from the fact that the Opponent is absent, there is nothing on record to indicate that the application of the Complainant seeking information has been disposed off by the Opponent. The Opponent to take note of the fact that the provisions of the RTI Act are mandatory in nature and failure to comply with these proceedings result in imposing penalties and recommend disciplinary proceedings against the Public Information Officer. Any application seeking information under RTI Act the Public Information Officer shall decide within the period of thirty days either by providing the information on payment of fees or reject it, being exempted u/s. 8 and 9 of the RTI Act. It was not proper on the part of the Opponent to remain silent when the law demands that the Public Information Officer should decide any request for information under RTI Act. In such circumstances before initiating any further proceedings, the Opponent to

provide the information sought in the request dated 10.02.2010 of the Complainant within the period of ten days and report compliance on 16.07.2010.

Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner