GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri M. S. Keny, State Chief Information Commissioner

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Complaint No. 449/SCIC/2010

Mr. Victor D'Souza, H. No. 477, Bouta Vaddo, Assagao, Bardez –Goa.

Complainant.

V/s

The Village Panchayat Secretary/ Public Information Officer, V. P. Assagao, Bardez –Goa.

Opponent.

O R D E R (23/09/2010)

1. The Complainant, Victor D'Souza, has filed this Complaint praying that the Opponent be directed to furnish the information requested and that Opponent be penalized to pay a sum of Rs. 250/- per day with effect from 18/03/2010 till the date he submits information.

2. The brief facts leading to the present Complaint are as under:-

That the Complainant, vide his application dated 18/03/2010, sought certain information from the Opponent under Right to Information Act 2005 ('RTI' Act for short). That the Opponent has deliberately not furnished the information nor responded to the same within the time limit specified under the said Act. Hence the present Complaint.

3. The Opponent resists the Complaint and the say is on record. It is the case of the Opponent that Public Information Officer/Opponent was engaged for the duty of National Population Register Census as per the order of Mamlatdar and as such unable to furnish the required information/document within time to the Complainant. Opponent denies that the same has deliberately not given. It is further the case of the Opponent that the information sought is already furnished. 4. Heard both sides and perused the records. It is seen that initially no information was furnished but subsequently on 17/08/2010 the information is furnished.

During the course of arguments the Complainant states that he has received the full information and that there is no grievance as such.

5. There is a delay of about four months. The Opponent states that he was engaged for the duty of National Population Register Census and as such could not furnish the information. Secondly I have seen the information appears to be bulky. In view of this position delay is to be condoned. Besides the Complainant also states that since information furnished he does not press for penalty.

Since information is furnished no intervention of this Commission is required.
Hence I pass the following order:-

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

No intervention of this Commission is required. The Complaint is disposed off.

The Complaint is accordingly disposed off.

Pronounced in the Commission on this 23rd day of September, 2010.

Sd/-(M. S. Keny) Chief Information Commissioner