

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
AT PANAJI**

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

**Complaint No. 498-SCIC-2010**

Shri Ignatius Braganza,  
H.No. A-147, Agarwaddo,  
Calangute, Bardez-Goa.

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Complainant

V/s

Village Panchayat Secretary &  
Public Information Officer,  
Village Panchayat Calangute,  
Calangute, Bardez- Goa.

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Opponent.

Complainant through his representative Shri C. Barreto  
Opponent in person.

**O R D E R**  
(05/10/2010)

1. This is a complaint filed by the Complainant, Shri Ignatius Braganza, praying that Opponent be penalized to pay a sum of Rs. 250/- with effect from 13/10/2009 till date he furnished the said information and further to furnish the said information.
2. The Complainant had filed a complaint dated 13/10/2009 before this Commission wherein he requested certain information with regard to action taken report on the letter dated 17/05/2000. This Commission (S.I.C.) passed the order dated 27/04/2010 whereby the Opponent was directed to provide the information sought for in request dated 13/10/2009 in reference to the letter dated 17/05/2000 within a period of twenty days from the date of receipt of the said order directly to the Complainant and report compliance. Since the information was not furnished the present complaint is filed.
3. I have heard Shri C. Barreto representative of the Complainant and the Opponent and perused the records

It appears that letter dated 17/05/2010 and action taken report are not traceable in the Panchayat. Naturally the same was not furnished. Under Right to Information Act Public Authority is bound to furnish only the information as is available with it.

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4. It appears that Opponent by letter dated 04/10/2010 lodged a Complaint with the Police Inspector Calangute Police Station requesting to conduct an inquiry into the matter.

Opponent has initiated the action. Hope the Police will conduct inquiry and book the guilty.

5. I am aware that if such contentions are advanced it would be impossible to implement Right to Information Act. No doubt records are to be well maintained and if possible computerized. This will prevent to a great extent papers missing from Government/Panchayat offices. In my view some inquiry is also to be done by superior officer in this matter.

6. Coming to the prayer the same cannot be granted in view of all the above.

However in my view some inquiry is to be conducted by the higher officer/ Block Development Officer so that such things are not repeated in future.

7. In view of the above I pass the following order:-

Block Development Officer , Bardez, Mapusa – Goa to conduct the inquiry regarding the missing of the said letter dated 17/05/2000 and action taken report on the said letter and to fix responsibility for misplacement of the said document/letter and initiate action against the delinquent officer/officials and he/they be dealt with in accordance with law.

The Complaint is accordingly disposed off.

Pronounced in the Commission on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October,2010.

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



