GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

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

Appeal No.134/SIC/2008

Shri Subodh Sawant, B-2, Shanti Campus, Nr. Mehul Talkies, Nr. Mahesh Tutorials, Mulund West, Mumbai – 400 080

... Appellant.

V/s.

1) The Public Information Officer, Shri Pramod Bhat, Office of the Mamlatdar, Bicholim Taluka, Bicholimz – Goa

... Respondent No. 1

2) The First Appellate Authority Shri Arvind V. Bugde, The Deputy Collector & S.D.O., Bicholim – Goa

... Respondent No. 2

Appellant in person.
Respondent No. 1 absent.
Adv. K.L. Bhagat for Respondent No. 1.
Respondent No. 2 absent.

JUDGMENT

(02/11/2010)

- 1. The Appellant, Shri Subodh Shiwaji Sawant, has filed the present Appeal praying that information be furnished, for penalty and for other reliefs as mentioned in the Memo of Appeal.
- 2. I need not refer to the facts of the case in detail. It is seen that

by Judgment and Order dated 18.12.2008 it is ordered as under:

"The Appeal is allowed. The Respondent No.1 is directed to provide the information as sought by the Appellant within one week from the date of this order and file the compliance report on the next date of the hearing which is fixed on 30.12.2008 at 11:00 a.m. The decision for the imposition of the penalty and awarding of the compensation is deferred till the complete information is provided to the Appellant.",

During the course of the arguments advocate Shri S. Sawant/Appellant submitted that full information has been furnished.

- 3. It was contended by the Appellant that there is delay. According to Adv. Bhagat there is absolutely no delay. It is to be noted here that aspect of delay, compensation was deferred as per the order as mentioned above. In any case Public Information Officer is to be given an opportunity to explain the same in the factual matrix of this case.
- 4. In view of the above no intervention of this Commission is required as far as information is concerned as the same is already

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furnished. Since there is delay the Respondent No. 1 is to be heard

on the same. Hence the Order:

<u>ORDER</u>

Issue notice under section 20(1) of the Right Information Act to

Respondent No. 1/Public Information Officer to show cause why

penalty action should not be taken against him for causing delay in

furnishing information. The explanation, if any, should reach the

Commission on or before 25.11.2010. Public Information

Officer/Respondent No. 1 shall appear for hearing.

Further inquiry posted on 25.11.2010 at 10:30a.m.

Pronounced in the Commission on this 2nd day of November, 2010.

Sd/-

(M. S. Keny)

State Chief Information Commissioner