

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
AT PANAJI**

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

**Complaint No. 422/SIC/2010**

Shri Rudresh S. Naik,  
R/o. Radha Bldg.,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Near Market,  
Panaji – Goa

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Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
Sarpanch,  
Village Panchayat Verem-Vagurne,  
Verem,  
Ponda – Goa

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Opponent.

Shri Rupesh Porob, representative of the Complainant.  
Opponent in person.

**O R D E R**  
**(13.01.2011)**

1. The Complainant, Shri Rudresh S. Naik, has filed the present Complaint praying that Opponent be directed to furnish the information free of charge, for penalty as well as for disciplinary action.

2. It is the case of the Complainant that by application dated 14.12.2009 he sought certain information under Right to Information Act, 2005 ('R.T.I. Act' for short) from the Public Information Officer ('P.I.O.)/Opponent herein. Since information was not furnished the Complainant preferred the present complaint.

3. The case of the Opponent is fully set out in the reply which is on record. In short, it is the case of the Opponent that information was furnished to the Complainant, however, there was some delay as there was no P.R.O. to the Village Panchayat as the then Secretary Shri Mahale was on long leave and the work of Panchayat was paralysed. That correspondence was made to appoint the Secretary. The correspondence is on record.

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4. Heard Shri Rupesh Porob representative of the Complainant as well as the Opponent.

According to Shri R. Porob representative of the Complainant, the Complainant has received the full information and he is satisfied with the information and that he has no grievance of any sort.

5. Admittedly there is some delay. The Opponent has given explanation that then Secretary Shri Mahale was on long leave and there was no P.I.O. in the office. I have perused the letters on record addressed to the Director of Panchayats. The letters show about absence and also about Shri Tari who was given additional charge was not attending, etc. From this it appears that Secretary was on long leave and no arrangement was made immediately. Under the circumstances delay is not deliberate or malafide and has to be condoned.

6. Since information is furnished no intervention of this Commission is required. Hence, I pass the following Order:

**ORDER**

No intervention of this Commission is required as information is already furnished. The Complaint is disposed off.

The Complaint is accordingly disposed off.

Pronounced in the Commission on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

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

