

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

**AT PANAJI**

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

**Complaint No. 5/SCIC/2011**

Shri Edwin Rodrigues,  
Curca-Canturim,  
Goa Velha,  
Tiswadi – Goa

...Complainant

V/s

1) Public Information Officer,  
Directorate of Education,  
Government of Goa,  
Panaji – Goa

... Opponent

2) Public Information Officer  
Don Bosco High School,  
Panaji – Goa

Complainant in person.

Smt. Josephina Viegas, representative of Opponent No. 1.

Shri D. Gawade, representative of Opponent No. 2.

**ORDER**

**(26/09/2011)**

1. The Complainant, Shri Edwin Rodrigues, has filed the present Complaint praying that the Opponent No. 1 be directed to furnish the information as sought by him or in the alternative Opponent No. 2 be directed to furnish the information sought by the Complainant and that fine may be imposed on the Public Information Officer for not furnishing the information within the prescribed time limit as contemplated under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

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

That the Complainant filed an application dated 01.11.2010 seeking certain information under Right to Information Act, 2005 ('RTI Act' for short) from the Public Information Officer (PIO)/Opponent No. 1. That the Opponent No. 1 vide communication dated 10.11.2010 transferred the Complaint's application to the Headmaster, Don Bosco High School, Panaji-Goa with a copy to the Complainant with a request to collect the information from the concerned PIO. That no information was furnished within the stipulated period of thirty days by the Opponent No. 2. That on 05.01.2011 the Complainant visited the office of Respondent No. 2 and he was orally

informed that information was with Respondent No. 1 and that Respondent No. 2 will need time to inquire and search whether the information sought is available in his records of the office of Respondent No. 2. As the Complainant did not receive any satisfactory written reply he has filed the present Complaint for not furnishing the information. That the Complaint is filed on various grounds as set out in the Memo of Complaint. In pursuance of the notice issued the Opponents appeared. The Opponent No. 2 has filed the reply which is on record. It is the case of the Opponent No. 2 that the information sought was of 27 years back and hence it was difficult for them to get the same as most of those teachers are retired and some of them have also changed their residence. That replies to the letters they had sent also took some time to come back to them. That the Complainant was called in a few days time to collect the information but he did not come. Copies of information furnished are also on record.

3. During the course of hearing Complainant submitted that information has been furnished. He also submitted that he is satisfied with whatever has been furnished and that he has no grievance.

No doubt that information was old, i.e. of 27 years back. Again, the same was to be collected from old files and in the process there was some delay. However, considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case the delay is liable to be condoned. The Complainant on his part does not press for the same.

4. 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. The Complaint is disposed off.

The Complaint is accordingly disposed off.

Pronounced in the Commission on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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

