

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
AT PANAJI**

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

**Appeal No.142/SIC/2011**

Shri Anand V. Usgaonkar,  
PWD, WD-XIX  
Government of Goa,  
Bambolim – Goa.

... Complainant

**V/s**

1. The Principal Chief Engineer,  
Public Works Department,  
Government of Goa,  
Altinho, Panaji-Goa

2. 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority,  
Public Works Department,  
Government of Goa,  
Altinho, Panaji-Goa

... Opponents

**J U D G E M E N T**

(23/09/2011)

1. The Appellant, Shri Anand V. Usgaonkar, has filed the present application praying that the necessary orders be passed to provide the said information.

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

That the Appellant, vide his application dated 21-2-2011, sought certain information under Right to Information Act (R.T.I. Act for short) from the Public Information Officer (P.I.O.)/ Respondent No.1. That the respondent No.1 failed to give information within the stipulated time. That being not satisfied, the appellant preferred the appeal for not providing the information. However the First Appellate Authority did not furnish any information. Being aggrieved the Appellant has preferred the present Appeal.

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3. The Respondent did not furnish any information as such. However Dy. Director, Adm. P.W.D remained present.

4. Heard the Adv. Shri F. Andrade for Appellant and perused the records.

It is seen that by application dated 21-2-2011 the Appellant sought certain information. However the same was addressed to the Principal Chief Engineer incidentally he is not the P.I.O. It appears probably because of this it is not replied. Under R.T.I. an application is to be addressed to the Public Information Officer. Of course Principal Chief Engineer could very well send the same to the P.I.O.

Another aspect to be noted is that, R.T.I. Act in general is the time bound programme between the Administration and the citizen requesting information and every step will have to be completed within the time for presentation request and disposal of the same. Presentation of First Appeal and disposal by the Appellate Authorities.

5. In any case in this case the application is to be sent to the P.I.O. to deal with the same in accordance with law.

6. In view of all the above, I pass the following order..

**O R D E R**

The application of the Appellant dated 21-2-2011 is sent back to the Public Information Officer/Dy. Director, P.W.D.(Adm), Head Office, Altinho, Panaji-Goa and the P.I.O. to deal with the same having regard to the time frame prescribed under R.T.I. Act.

The appeal is accordingly disposed off.

Pronounced in this Commission on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2011.

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

