

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI**

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

Complaint No.126/SIC/2011

Mr. Francisco Soares,
1st Bairro, St. Cruz,
Near St. Cruz, P.O. Santa Cruz,
Tiswadi – Goa

... Complainant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
Asst. Executive Engineer-div.I,
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Elect. Division,-I (O & M),
Vidyut Bhavan, 2nd Floor,
Panaji –Goa.

.....Opponent.

Shri C. S. Barreto, representative of the Complainant.
Opponent absent.

ORDER
(07-12-2011)

1. The Complainant, Shri Francisco Soares, has filed the present Complaint praying that Public Information Officer be directed to furnish the copies of the receipts and bills as requested vide his application dated 21.06.2011.

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

That on 21.06.2011 the Complainant requested for the certified copies of the bills statement and the same was furnished to the Complainant. That on 21.07.2011 the Complainant requested the P.I.O. to furnish certified copies of all the bills as stated in the application. That the said applications were filed under RTI Act, 2005. That the P.I.O. informed the Complainant vide letter dated 05.08.2011 that he was already provided with the information sought for. That the P.I.O. also submitted a letter

dated 03.08.2011 issued by the Asst. Executive Engineer/A.P.I.O., Bambolim to the P.I.O., Office of the Executive Engineer, Panaji wherein it is stated that monthly bills were issued to both the installations PJM-20B-523 and 526 and hence bills are not available with their office. It is the case of the Complainant that if the bills were not available in the office of the Asst. Engineer, Bambolim, the application of the Complainant should have been immediately transferred to the concerned Department where the bills are available and instructed them to issue duplicate bills to the Complainant. That the P.I.O. tried to shirk his responsibilities and failed to furnish the information and hence the present Complaint. The Opponent has filed the reply which is on record. In short it is the case of the Opponent that application was received from the Complainant and the same was forwarded to the A.P.I.O., Asst. Executive Engineer, Elect. S/D-III(R), Bambolim vide letter dated 21.06.2011. The A.P.I.O. furnished the information to the office of the Opponent vide letter dated 11.07.2011. That the Complainant was requested to verify and effect the necessary payment and collect the documents from the office. That the Complainant collected the same on 21.07.2011. That on 21.07.2011 Complainant filed another application seeking certified copies of all the bills. That the copy of the application was forwarded to the A.P.I.O. as he is the custodian of the said documents. That the A.P.I.O. furnished the information to the office of the Opponent informing that the monthly bills were issued to both the installations and hence the copy of bills were not available in the office. That the Complainant was requested to verify and collect the necessary payments and the Complainant collected the same on 11.08.2011.

3. The matter was posted for arguments on 06.12.2011. However, on that day the Complainant filed an application stating that the Opponent has furnished the information and that the said Complaint may be withdrawn and the same be closed. Since information is furnished no intervention of this Commission is required. The request of the Complainant to withdraw his Complaint is to be granted. Hence, I pass the following Order:-

ORDER

No intervention of this Commission is required. The Complaint is disposed off as withdrawn.

The Complaint is accordingly disposed off.

Pronounced in the Commission on this 07th day of December, 2011.

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

