GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

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

Appeal No.31/SCIC/2012

Shri Sanjay S. Ghatwal, Flat No.FO-1, Block 2A, Milroc Temple Towers, Merces, Goa

... Appellant.

V/s.

- The Public Information Officer,
 Dy. Collector & DRO Designated Officer,
 Flying Squad Team, North Goa District,
 Panaji Goa
- 2. The First Appellate Authority,
 Additional Collector-I,
 Collectorate of North Goa District,
 Panaji Goa ... Respondents

Appellant present. Respondent No.1 present. Respondent No.2 absent.

<u>JUDGMENT</u> (11/07/2012)

- 1. The Appellant, Shri Sanjay Ghatwal, has filed the present appeal praying that the P.I.O. be directed to furnish the information free of cost as sought by the appellant vide letter dated 14/7/2011.
- 2. The brief facts leading to the present appeal are as under:-

That the appellant, vide letter dated 14/7/2011, sought certain information under Right to Information Act, 2005 ('R.T.I. Act' for short) from the Public Information Officer(P.I.O.)/respondent No.1. That the P.I.O., vide letter dated 7/9/2011, requested to collect part of the information. That the

appellant being not satisfied preferred an appeal before the First Appellate Authority(F.A.A.). By order dated 18/11/2011 the F.A.A. ordered the P.I.O. to furnish the information within 10 days. That no information is furnished till date. Being aggrieved the appellant has filed the present appeal.

- 3. In pursuance of the notice the P.I.O. appeared. P.I.O./respondent No.1 did not file any reply as such.
- 4. The appellant filed an application on 11/7/2012 stating that P.I.O. has agreed to furnish the information sought by him. He prayed in the application to keep the matter in abeyance and that he would withdraw the appeal.

During the course of hearing P.I.O. assured that information would be furnished. Based on this assurance, the appellant states that he may be permitted to withdraw the appeal to-day itself.

5. I have carefully gone through the records of the case and also considered the submissions advanced by the parties.

It is seen that by application dated 14/7/2011 the appellant sought certain information consisting of 3 points i.e. Sr. No.1 to 3. By reply dated 7/9/2011 the then P.I.O. informed the appellant to collect copy of inward register. Regarding point No.2 it was informed that information cannot be given as the same is exhaustive and beyond the scope of compiling and furnishing to him due to lack of manpower in the office. He was also informed to specify any particular case. Regarding point No.3 information was given. Being aggrieved the appellant preferred an appeal before First Appellate Authority/Respondent No.2. By order dated 18/11/2011 the First Appellate Authority/Respondent No.2 ordered to furnish the information within 10 days.

6. During the course of hearing the appellant states that he may be requested to withdraw the appeal as P.I.O./Respondent No.1

has agreed to give information. He also states that he has no grievance of any sort if information is furnished. P.I.O./respondent No.1 assures to furnish the information.

7. In view of the above, I pass the following order:-

ORDER

No intervention of this Commission is required in view of the above (Para 6 hereinabove). The appeal is disposed off as withdrawn.

The appeal is, accordingly, disposed off.

Pronounced in the Commission on this 11th day of July, 2012.

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