

GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

Ground Floor, "Shrama Shakti Bhavan", Patto Plaza, Panaji.

Appeal No. 67/2008

Shri. Sagar Vishwanath Dharwadkar,
C-43, Dhake Park, Natwar Nagar,
Road No. 1, Jogeshwari (East),
Mumbai – 400 060.

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Appellant.

V/s.

1. Public Information Officer,
Ms. Milena F. Dias,
Goa Gazetteer Department,
Panaji – Goa.
2. First Appellate Authority,
Mr. M. L. Dicholkar,
Executive Editor,
Goa Gazetteer Department,
Panaji – Goa.

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Respondents.

CORAM:

Shri A. Venkataratnam
State Chief Information Commissioner
&
Shri G. G. Kambli
State Information Commissioner

(Per A. Venkataratnam)

Dated: 15/09/2008.

Appellant absent.

Both the Respondents present in person.

ORDER

This second appeal is filed against the letter-cum-order dated 30th June, 2008, (hereinafter referred to as the impugned order) of the Respondent No. 2 rejecting the first appeal filed by the Appellant on 2/06/2008. Earlier the Respondent No. 1 as Public Information Officer has also rejected the request dated 5/04/2008/26/05/2008 of the Appellant seeking certain information from the Public Information Officer. The ground for rejection is that the information does not pertain to the Goa Gazetteer Department. The first Appellate Authority also in its impugned order held the same view.

2. The notices were issued and the Respondents have appeared before us and also have given a written statement. They have also attached a Citizen Charter of their Department which specifies duties of the Department and certain other matters. The Appellant on the other

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hand remained absent for the hearing so we relied on the documents produced before us.

3. The request is regarding "copy of notices issued by any of the government departments, co-owners, owners or by any other family members at your department to publish in the official gazette." The Appellant has also prayed that in case the matter is not dealt with by Department of the Respondents, to inform him as to who is concerned with this request.

4. The Appellant is obviously under the confused understanding that the Goa Gazetteer Department publishes the Gazette of Goa containing all the notices issued by the citizens or the orders and notifications issued by Government Departments of Goa. This is not so as the Official Gazette is published by the Department of Printing and Stationery. We, therefore, see nothing wrong in the impugned order and also the order of the Public Information Officer. As to the request informing the name of the concerned Department, we have seen that the request pertains to a sub-division of property and therefore, the Town Planning Department/Village Panchayat/the Dy. Collector, Mapusa (if it involved the sub-division of a survey number) are the authorities concerned. We have also seen from the letter submitted by the Appellant himself that he has already approached some of these authorities. If he had not done so he is free to do so now. Accordingly, the present second appeal has no merit and is, therefore, dismissed as not maintainable.

Announced in the open court on this 15th day of September, 2008.

Sd/-
(A. Venkataratnam)
State Chief Information Commissioner

Sd/-
(G. G. Kambli)
State Information Commissioner