

## **GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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

Complaint No. 26/SCIC/2008

Mr. Antonio Lobo (Advocate),  
Feira Alta, Mapusa – Goa.

..... Complainant.

V/s.

The Public Information Officer,  
The Chief Officer,  
Mapusa Municipal Council,  
Mapusa, Bardez – Goa.

..... Opponent.

### **CORAM:**

Shri A. Venkataratnam  
State Chief Information Commissioner

(Per A. Venkataratnam)

Dated: 13/10/2008.

Complainant absent.

Opponent not served notice.

### **ORDER**

The Complainant requested for some information from the Opponent i.e. Chief Officer of the Mapusa Municipal Council who is the Public Information Officer of Mapusa Municipal Council. Having not received the reply, a first appeal was filed and the Director of Municipal Administration by its order dated 14/07/2008 directed the Public Information Officer to give the relevant information within 10 days of passing of his order. I do not know whether this order was passed in the open court or subsequently passed in his chamber and was conveyed to the Public Information Officer subsequently. However, as it was issued long back, it can safely be assumed that the time given to the Public Information Officer expired. The Complainant now says that he is yet to receive the information. The Complainant was not present for the hearing on 24/09/2008 nor on 6/10/2008. There is no record whether the Complainant approached the Director of Municipal Administration for the execution of his order. It is, therefore, appropriate that he should approach the Director of Municipal Administration for execution of the order and if he had already done so, pursue with the latter for relief. If no relief is obtained by the end of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008, the Complainant is free to approach this Commission once again for action against the Public Information Officer and for getting the information from the Public

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Information Officer. As such the complaint at present is premature and is hereby dismissed. A copy of this order should be sent to the Director of Municipal Administration for necessary compliance.

Announced in the open court on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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