

GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Appeal No. 72/SCIC/2008

Shri. Egidio L. J. Amaral,
No Bairro Zosvaddo,
Post Porvorim, Socorro,
Bardez – Goa - 403501.

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Appellant.

V/s.

1. Public Information Officer,
Excise Station, Bardez Taluka,
Mapusa – Goa.
2. First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Commissioner of Excise,
Panaji – Goa.

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Respondents.

CORAM:

Shri A. Venkataratnam
State Chief Information Commissioner

(Per A. Venkataratnam)

Dated: 16/10/2008.

Appellant in person.

Adv. N. P. Dias for the Respondents.

ORDER

The grievance of the Appellant is that the information requested by him to the Respondent No. 1 on 4/3/2008 was not given completely. All information was given and the documents and registers of office of Respondent No. 1 were also inspected by the Appellant from 1990 onwards. However, the grievance is that the registers of excise licences issued for extraction of cashew juice from 1961 to 1990 were not shown to him with an excuse that they are not available. As the records were not available, the information pertaining to that period was not given. On an appeal having been made to the Respondent No. 2, first Appellate Authority has passed an order upholding the rejection of part information by the Public Information Officer. Hence, this second appeal.

2. Notices were issued. The Appellant argued for himself and the Public Information Officer argued for himself. The Public Information Officer submitted that the records were very old and were destroyed as per standing instructions. I have observed that the information from 1990 to 2008 was already given for 18 years. Earlier information prior to 1990

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was not given in the absence of records. I am satisfied with the reply of the Respondent No. 1 that the records are old and were not available. Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed.

Announced in the open court on this 16th day of October, 2008.

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