

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
Ground Floor, "Shrama Shakti Bhavan," Patto Plaza, Panaji.

Appeal No. 161/SIC/2008

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

.... Appellant

V/s.

1. The Public Information Officer  
Mr. H. K. Parsenkar  
The Deputy Director  
Goa Tourism Department  
Patto, Panaji – Goa

.... Respondent No. 1

2. The First Appellate Authority  
The Director  
Goa Tourism Department  
Patto, Panaji – Goa

.... Respondent No. 2

**CORAM:**

**Shri G. G. Kambli**  
**State Information Commission**

**(Per G. G. Kambli)**

**Dated: 30.10.2008**

**Appellant absent.**

**Both the Respondents absent.**

**ORDER**

The Appellant vide his request dated 14.05.2008 approached Respondent No. 1 seeking the information in respect of the property bearing Survey No. 61/2 of Nerul Village under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short 'The Act'). It is evident from the said request dated 14.05.2008, that the Appellant sought information pertaining to the various Public Authorities like Panchayats, Town & Country Planning Department, CRZ Department, Forest Department, Tourism Department, Settlement & Land Records, Conversion Sanads, etc.

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2. The Respondent No. 1 by his reply dated 29.05.2008 informed the Appellant that the information sought by him is not available on record of their office and, therefore, the Appellant may approach for the said information to the Town & Country Planning Department, Panaji-Goa, Village Panchayat Nerul and also GCZMA, Saligao. Dissatisfied with the reply of the Respondent No. 1, the Appellant preferred an appeal before the First Appellate Authority, i.e. Respondent No. 2 herein. The Appellant has made reference to several Departments as well as to several matters some of which were not part of the application dated 14.05.2008. The Respondent No. 1 thereafter transferred the application of the Appellant to the Village Panchayat of Nerul as per the directions of the First Appellate Authority under intimation to the Appellant. Aggrieved by the said letter of the Respondent No. 1 forwarding the application of the Appellant to the Village Panchayat of Nerul, the Appellant has filed the present second appeal before this Commission.

3. As stated above, the information sought by the Appellant with the Respondent No. 1 pertains to several Public Authorities. Section 6(3) of the Act provides that in case the information sought by a citizen is held by another Public Authority or the subject matter of which is more closely connected with the functions of another Public Authority, the Public Authority to which such application is made shall transfer the application or such part of it as may be appropriate to other Public Authority and inform the applicant immediately about such transfer. In the instant case, the Appellant has sought the information pertaining to several Public Authorities. In this context it is to be noted that the Public Authority to whom the application is made is required to transfer it to another Public Authority. It means that the information must be held or subject matter of the said information is more closely connected with the functions of another Public Authority. Therefore, it is clear that if more than one Public Authorities are involved from which the information is sought by the Appellant, the Public Authority or the Public Information Officer is not

required to transfer such applications to another Public Authorities. The expression "Public Authorities" is used in singular and not plural.

4. This being the position, the Respondent No. 1 has correctly advised the Appellant to approach the concerned Public Authorities for seeking the information. It is also worth mentioning here that every application under the Act requires to be accompanied by application fee. An applicant cannot make a single application and seek the information in the said application pertaining to several Public Authorities and then request the Public Authority to transfer his application to those Public Authorities. This is not an object of the Act.

5. In these circumstances, I do not find any substance in the present appeal and accordingly the same is dismissed.

6. Pronounced in the open Court on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008.

**Sd/-**  
**(G. G. KAMBLI)**  
**STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

