

GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Complaint No. 44/SCIC/2008

Advocate N. K. Maruthi Rao,
No. 5, I Cross, Adarsh Colony,
V. V. Nagar, Belgaum 590 001,
Karnataka State.

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Complainant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
Bicholim Municipal Council,
Bicholim – Goa.

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Opponent.

CORAM:

Shri A. Venkataratnam
State Chief Information Commissioner

(Per A. Venkataratnam)

Dated: 01/12/2008.

Complainant absent.

Opponent not served notice.

ORDER

This complaint was presented to this Commission under section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act for short) on 11/11/2008. A notice was sent to the Complainant to argue the matter for admission. However, on the day fixed for hearing on 01/12/2008, the Complainant was absent. The admission of a complaint under section 18 of the RTI Act is at the discretion of the Commission. No grounds have been made out in the complaint prime facie warranting our intervention at this stage. The Complainant has the grievances that the Public Information Officer has not replied to him in time. There is a remedy available under the RTI Act under section 19(1) to go in first appeal which he did not avail of. Hence, there is no reason to entertain this complaint when the remedy provided under the RTI Act is not availed. The complaint is hereby dismissed in limine.

Sd/-

(A. Venkataratnam)
State Chief Information Commissioner

