

GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Appeal No. 177/SCIC/2008

Shri. Rabindra A. L. Dias,
Dr. Pires Colony, Block "B",
Cujira, Santa Cruz – Goa.

..... Appellant.

V/s.

1. Public Information Officer,
Margao Municipal Council,
Margao – Goa.
2. First Appellate Authority,
The Director,
Directorate of Municipal Administration,
Panaji - Goa.

..... Respondents.

CORAM:

Shri A. Venkataratnam
State Chief Information Commissioner

(Per A. Venkataratnam)

Dated: 30/12/2008.

Appellant in person.

Adv. R. M. Lotlikar for Respondent No. 1.

Respondent No. 2 absent.

ORDER

The grievance of the Appellant in this case is that he has not received the information requested by him in time and requested that the Public Information Officer should be penalised. The request for information was made on 11/03/2008 and information was given on 22nd May, 2008. It is his case that he was put to a lot of hardship, as the information was not given in time. The information requested is about the names of the Advocates, addresses of Advocates and such other details. The Appellant has not made out any case how he was put to hardship. However, Respondent No. 1 submitted that the information was posted to the Appellant on 8/4/2008 well within time and submitted a postal receipt having posted under certificate of posting. This is sufficient proof of posting. Rule 6 of the Appeal Procedure Rules quoted by the Appellant in his rejoinder is applicable to the serving of notices by this Commission is not for compliance by the Public Information Officer.

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Hence, it is irrelevant for the purposes of this appeal. The Appellant has denied having received this and stated that he received the information much later.

2. In this case, the Respondent No. 1 has made out a case that he has acted diligently and within time. The plea of imposing penalty on him, therefore, is rejected. The appeal is hereby rejected.

Pronounced in the open court on this 30th day of December, 2008.

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

