GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 20/2009

Shri John Fernandes H. No. 229, Copelabhat Deao, Quepem – Goa

...Complainant

V/s.

The Public Information Officer
The Executive Engineer
WD XXV, PWD
Fatorda - Goa

...Opponent

Dated: 27.07.2009

ORDER

This Complaint deals with the non compliance of the Order of the First Appellate Authority directing the Public Information Officer to provide part of the information within ten days.

- 2. By letter dated 12.03.2009 the Complainant sought from the Opponent information enumerated at point No. 1 to 6 which is in respect of date of constructions and loading capacity of the bridges. The Opponent in his reply dated 02.04.2009 answered all the six points in the letter dated 12.03.2009. Not satisfied with this reply the Complainant preferred First Appeal and by order dated 28.04.2009 the First Appellate Authority directed the Opponent to furnish the Complainant the information sought at serial No. 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the letter dated 12.03.2009. Since the Opponent did not provide the information as directed filed the present complaint.
- 3. During the hearing of this complaint on 10.07.2009 the Opponent furnished the information required on all the six points. The contention of the Complainant is that still the information provided is incomplete.

4. I have gone through the records of the case. The First Appellate Authority directed the Opponent to furnish proper information under points 2, 4, 5 and 6. On perusing the reply dated 10.07.2009 at points 4, 5, and 6 it appears that the reply is not specific to the information required. The Complainant requires the date of the construction of the bridges over Madamol Voll at Cavrem Quepem, Corca river at Maina Quepem and Kushavati river situated at Sulcorna, Quepem and the reply given by the Opponent that these three bridges were constructed 25 years back is vague. There has to be record of the construction of the bridges especially when the authorities of the Public Works Department has a separate Division only dealing with the bridges in the entire territory of the State of Goa. In such circumstances it would be proper for the Opponent to provide the information at point 4, 5 and 6. The Opponent to provide this information within 15 days from the receipt of this order and report compliance on 17.08.2009 at 10:30 a.m.

With these observations this Complaint is disposed off.

Sd/(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner