

# GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

**CORAM:** Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 50/SIC/2008

Ms. E. S. S. Almeida,  
67, Sagar Society,  
Dona Paula – Goa.  
403 004

..... Complainant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
Mr. Swapnil M. Naik,  
Additional Collector – I,  
North Goa, Panaji - Goa.

..... Opponent.

Complainant in person.

## **ORDER**

By request dated 10/12/2007 addressed to the Public Information Officer – Opponent, the Complainant required certified copy of the Order No. 23/28/85/RB dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1987 issued by the Collector of Goa to the Sagar Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Dona Paula. On 15/01/2008, the Opponent informed the Complainant that the file is not traced from the record room of the office and frantic efforts are still being made to trace the whereabouts of the said file and as soon as the same is traced, the information will be provided. As the information was not provided, on 02/12/2008 the Complaint was filed. The Opponent in the reply continued to take same stand that the file is not traceable and that the order in question was issued 20 years back.

2. The contention of the Complainant is that although the order was issued 20 years back, the file was available in Dy. Collector's office when the Complainant visited in October, 2006 as well as in December, 2006 and that it was available when the Complainant lodged the Complaint on 5/2/2007 to the Dy. Collector and the stop work order was issued by the Additional Collector, Swapnil Naik after inspection of the records available in the said file.

3. The Collector of Goa passed in Order dated 29/4/1987 and the copy of this order was addressed to Chairman of Sagar Co-operative Housing Society

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Ltd., Dona Paula. The Complainant requires the certified copy of this order dated 29/4/1987 passed by the Collector of Goa. No doubt that the order is in the file which is more than 20 years old. However, the Complainant contents that the file was referred in the year 2006 and even a stop work order was passed from the records of the file in question. In such circumstances, the Public Information Officer – Opponent is required to provide the information which is order dated 29/4/1987 and a show cause notice is required to be issued on the concerned Public Information Officer for not providing the information sought by the Complainant.

4. The Opponent to provide the information to the request dated 10/12/2007 within 20 days from the receipt of this order and a show cause notice to be issued to the Public Information Officer – Shri Swapnil Naik to file the reply on 23/10/2009.

Pronounced in the open court on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

Sd/-  
(Afonso Araujo)  
State Information Commissioner



