

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
AT PANAJI**

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

Complaint No. 74/SIC/2009

Ms. Vigilia De Sa,  
Moirá Civi & Consumer Forum,  
866, Bambordem, Moira,  
Bardez - Goa

...Complainant.

V/s.

The Public Information Officer,  
Deputy Director of Panchayats,  
Junta House,  
Panaji – Goa

...Opponent.

**Dated: 11.11.2009**

ORDER

**(Per Afonso Araujo)**

The Complainant on 07.09.2009 sought information under the RTI Act from the Opponent and requires the number of Appeals/Petitions filed against the Village Panchayat-Moira, before the Director of Panchayats and Dy. Director of Panchayats-North, since the financial year 1999 upto June 2009.

2. The Opponent by communication dated 07.09.2009 rejected the request of the Complainant on the reasoning that right to have information is conferred upon on all citizens of India and since the Moira Civic and Consumer Forum is not a citizen of India, the application dated 07.09.2009 was not maintainable under the provisions of RTI Act. No doubt that under the provisions of the RTI Act only a citizen is entitled to obtain the information and a Company or an Association is not a citizen and entitled for information under the RTI Act. It appears that the Complainant sought the information dated

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07.09.2009 on the letter-head of Moira Civic and Consumer Forum (to be referred as 'the Forum'). The mere fact that the Complainant used the letter-head of the Forum it does not mean that the Forum has requested the information under the RTI Act. The use of the letter-head of the Forum at the most can be considered as address of the Complainant. The Complainant sought the information in an individual capacity and, being a citizen, is entitled for the information sought.

3. The Opponent to give effect to the request dated 07.09.2009 and provide the information to the Complainant within a period of twenty days from the receipt of this order and report compliance on 28.12.2009.

Sd/-  
**(Afonso Araujo)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

