GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 76/2009

Shri Joshi Suhas Purushottram, Convict prisoner, C-716, Aguada Prison, GOA – 403 519

... Appellant.

V/s.

1) The Public Information Officer, Shri Parsekar Gopal, Superintendent, Aguada Prison GOA – 403 519

... Respondent No. 1

2) First Appellate Authority, Shri K. S. Singh (IAS Officer), Inspector General of Police, State of Goa, Collectorate of North

... Respondent No. 2

Appellant absent.

Respondent No. 1 and authorised representative of Respondent No. 2.

<u>JUDGMENT</u>

(Per Afonso Araujo)

The Appellant an inmate of Aguada jail, on 05.04.2009 sought information under the Right to Information Act, 2005, which consist of personal information of the Superintendent, Parsekar Gopal. As the information was not provided the Appellant preferred First Appeal to IG-Prisons on 04.05.2009. On 20.05.2009 the Respondent No. 1 in reply to the request dated 05.04.2009 informed the Appellant that the information sought is not available. On 05.08.2009 the Appellant preferred Second Appeal.

2. The information which the Appellant sought under the RTI Act consists of personal data of the Superintendent of Aguada Jail, Gopal Parsekar. On perusing the request dated 05.04.2009 the Appellant requires to know the personal status, personal affairs of Gopal Parsekar such as birth, marital status, how many daughters, how many sons, complete personal history including extracurricular training, rewards, certificates, whether he is below poverty line, any additional income and so on. Apart from the fact that this information sought is of personal nature, it has no connection with any public interest and as such the Appellant is not entitled for such type of information. Hence, the appeal is dismissed.

Pronounced in the open court on this 06th day of November, 2009.

Sd/(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner