

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 39/2009

Smt. Sushma V. Karapurkar,
H. No. 46, Karaswada, Mapusa,
Bardez – Goa.
Post Tivim Inds. Estate – 403 526. ... Appellant.

V/s.

1. Public Information Officer,
Town & Country Planning Department,
District Office (North), 3rd Floor, (Block 301),
Govt. Bldg. Complex, Mapusa, Goa – 403 507.
2. First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Chief Town Planner,
Dempo Tower, Patto Plaza,
Panaji - Goa. ... Respondents.

Appellant absent.

Respondent No. 1 in person.

ORDER

The information sought by the Appellant by request dated 20/05/2009 consist of inspection of the documents such as inward register, outward register, Guard File and Pension case file of late Vasudev Karapurkar.

2. The Respondent No. 1 by communication dated 10/06/2009 informed the Appellant that the Appellant can carry the inspection of the files but in respect of Pension case file, the same was not with the Public Authority of the Respondent No. 1 and as it was resubmitted to the Directorate of Accounts, Panaji – Goa. Not satisfied with this information provided, the Appellant preferred the First Appeal and by Order dated 22/06/2009, the First Appellate Authority dismissed the Appeal on the reasoning that the information has been provided to the Appellant.

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Aggrieved by this decision, the Appellant preferred the Second Appeal with a prayer to provide the information free of cost, compensate the Appellant and impose penalties on the Respondent No. 1.

3. The information sought in the request dated 20/05/2009, the Appellant requires only the inspection of the documents mentioned in the said request. The Respondent No. 1 was concerned only with inspection in respect of Sr. No. 2 which is the inward register, (5) which is Guard File and (6) which is pension case. The Respondent No. 1 by communication dated 10/06/2009 informed that the inspection of documents at Sr. No. 2 and 5 could be done by the Appellant, but was unable to provide inspection in respect of pension case as the file was sent to the Directorate of Accounts. Subsequently, in the reply dated 04/08/2009, the Respondent No. 1 stated that the Directorate of Accounts on 24/06/2009 has returned the service book and part of the pension papers and the Appellant could inspect those files.

4. Since the Appellant requires the inspection of only pension case file of late Vasudev Karapurkar which at the relevant time was not with the Respondent No. 1 but with the Directorate of Accounts and since this relevant file has returned back to the Public Authority of Respondent No.1, the Appellant to approach the Respondent No. 1 and inspect whatever pension papers which are available with the Public Authority. The Respondent No. 1 to provide the inspection of those pension papers to the Appellant without charging the fees for inspection of records. With these observations, the Appeal is disposed off.

Pronounced on this 24th day of December, 2009.

Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner

