

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI**

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 72/SIC/2009

Shri Sushant Naik,
Costi Kalay,
Sanguem – Goa

... Complainant.

V/s.

1) Public Information Officer,
Dy. Conservator of Forests, Wild Life &
Eco Tourism,
Panaji - Goa

... Opponent No.1

2) The First Appellate Authority,
Conservator of Forests,
Panaji – Goa

... Opponent No.2

Complainant in person.
Opponent No. 1 in person.

Dated: 23.12.2009

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(Per Afonso Araujo)

By order dated 07.07.2009 passed in Appeal No. 267/SIC/2008 the Appellant was directed to carry the inspection in Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park and Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary, identify the works carried in those places and accordingly seek the information required. The Respondent No. 1 was also directed to intimate the dates for inspection and entertain the request of the Appellant and provide the information sought free of cost.

2. The grievance in this Complaint is that the Respondent No. 1 did not comply with the above Order by not intimating the dates for inspection to the Complainant. In the reply the Respondent No. 1 stated that the order dated 07.07.2009 was received on 21.07.2009 and by letter No. 3/520-WL&ET/07-09/1155 dated 10.08.2009 the Complainant was informed the dates for inspection as 17th August 2009 for Cotigao, 20th August for Mollem and the concerned RFOs were waiting for this inspection and the Complainant did not appear at all.

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3. As the Respondent No. 1 did not intimate the date for inspection in pursuance of the order dated 07.07.2009, this Complaint was preferred on 31.07.2009. The Respondent No. 1 addressed a letter to the Complainant giving the dates of 17th August 2009 and 20th August 2009 for inspection. Though the Respondent No. 1 has stated that this letter is dated 10.08.2009 there is nothing on the records to indicate that this letter was issued on 10.08.2009 as whether the Complainant received the letter though the letter shows that it was sent by Registered AD. In such circumstances it would be proper that the Respondent No. 1 issue dates for the inspection well in advance and obtain proof that the Complainant received the intimation.

4. The places for inspection are vast areas at Canacona and Mollem and the Complainant to adhere to the dates fixed for inspection since the concerned Range Forest Officer has to attend his duties and need not wait for the Complainant in vain. With these observations, this Complaint is disposed off.

Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner