

# GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

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

Complaint No. 27/SIC/2009

Shri Atish P. Mandrekar,  
H. No. 549/C, Vodlem Bhat,  
Taleigao, Panaji - Goa.

..... Complainant

V/s.

1. Public Information Officer,  
The Additional Collector, North Goa,  
Collectorate Building, Panaji,  
Tiswadi – Goa.
2. Public Information Officer,  
Deputy Collector & SDO,  
Panaji - Goa.
3. Public Information Officer,  
The Mamlatdar of Bardez,  
Mapusa - Goa.
4. Public Information Officer,  
The Dy. Director of Panchayats,  
Junta House, Panaji - Goa.

..... Opponents.

Complainant in person.

Opponent No. 2 in person.

Opponent No. 3 in person.

## **ORDER**

The Complainant by request dated 08/06/2009 addressed to the Opponent No. 1 sought information at Sr. a) b) c) d) e) and f). Since the information at Sr. (f) pertains to all the Village Panchayats of Bardez Taluka, the Opponent No. 1 transferred it to the Opponent No. 4. By communication dated 02/07/2009, the Opponent No. 4 stated that such information sought by the Complainant pertains to 33 Village Panchayats of Bardez Block and requested the Complainant to approach the Public Information Officer of the concerned Village Panchayats for the required information. Aggrieved by this decision, the present Complaint.

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2. The information at Sr. (f) of the request dated 08/06/2009, the Complainant requires that the Opponent No. 4 to provide details of the houses constructed/situated in each Panchayat Village of Bardez Taluka for the last 25/30 years regarding their conversion sanads, those having no conversion sanads or insufficient sanad, to give their names and number of houses in Bardez taluka having no Conversion sanads. The manner the Complainant sought the above information is too sweeping and put undue pressure on the public authority as the information required pertains to all the houses constructed having conversion sanad, not having conversion sanad or insufficient conversion sanad and that too for last 25 to 30 years.

3. The contention of the Complainant is that this Commission in earlier case suggested to obtain information, from Head of Taluka of all the Panchayats within the taluka. In circumstances of that particular case, where information was sought from a single public authority in respect of all Panchayats existing in entire State of Goa, this Commission not as directive but as a practical solution in that case suggested that the information seeker, seek the information at talukawise level from the Head of the Taluka rather than seek information from one single public authority for entire State of Goa. But in this present case, the Complainant requires information regarding all the houses constructed which have conversion sanad, those which do not have conversion sanad and also insufficient conversion sanad for the last 25 and 30 years. It is not open to the Complainant to saddle the Public Authority with such form of information spread over three decades. Section 7(9) of RTI Act forbids such form of information and the Opponent No. 4, as a matter of fact,

any Public Information Officer need not furnish the information sought at serial (f) in the request dated 08/06/2009.

With these observations, the Complaint is disposed off

Pronounced on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

Sd/-  
(Afonso Araujo)  
State Information Commissioner

