GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 39/2008

Mrs. Elizabeth D'souza, Near Socorro Church, Socorro, Zosvaddo, P.O. Porvorim Bardez, <u>Goa – 403 501</u>

... Complainant

V/s.

Court of the Civil Judge, Senior Division, Alto Mapusa, Bardez-Goa

... Opponent .

Complainant alongwith her representative Shri H. Amaral. Shri K. Bhagat for the Opponent.

Dated: 02.02.2010

ORDER

The Complainant sought information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short 'The RTI Act') and required some documents in Execucao Ordinaria of Civil Judge Senior Division, Mapusa. This request for information was not disposed as the provisions of RTI Act was not applicable to the Courts in the absence of rules made thereunder by the Courts. The Goa Daman & Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli District Courts Right of Information Rules, 2009 was published in official gazette Series I, No. 25 dated 17.09.2009 and by notification of the High Court published in the official gazette of Goa Government Series II, No. 40 dated 31.12.2009, the Chief Justice designated the Registrar at the station and the District and Sessions Judge-I at the station, as Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority respectively, in the District and Sessions Court, South Goa, Margao and District & Sessions Court, North Goa, Panaji.

2. Since the information sought pertains to the documents which are in the Courts of Senior Division, Mapusa, the Complainant to approach the Public Authority – District and Sessions Court, North Goa, Panaji and move an application for information under the RTI Act to the Public Information Officer-Registrar, District and Sessions Court, North Goa, Panaji, so as to enable the Public Information Officer decide the request of the Complainant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act.

Sd/-(Afonso Araujo) State Information Commissioner