

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI**

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 37/SIC/2009

Shri Franky Monteiro,
H. No. 501, Devote,
Loutolim, Salcete
Goa – 403 718

... Appellant.

V/s.

1) Public Information Officer,
Dy. Collector (Revenue),
Salcete, ,
Margao – Goa

... Respondent No. 1.

2) The First Appellate Authority,
The Collector,
South Goa,
Margao – Goa

... Respondent No. 2.

Appellant absent.

Adv. Smt. Harsha Naik for the Respondents.

J U D G M E N T

(Per Afonso Araujo)

The information sought under the Right to Information Act by request dated 30.03.2009 was in respect of the 20 Point Programme set up at Verna and Loutolim and the Appellant requires the information enumerated at Sr. No. 1 to 9 of the said request.

2. The Respondent No. 1 by communication dated 27.04.2009 provided the information to the Appellant. Not content with the information provided at Sr. No. 1 the Appellant preferred First Appeal and by order dated 16.06.2009 the First Appellate Authority upheld the decision of the Respondent No. 1 and dismissed the appeal. This is the Impugned Order.

3. The information sought at Sr. No. 1 is: “Whether Collector has

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executed the required deed/document for land handed over by GIDC for setting up housing project under 20 PP at Verna and Loutolim. If yes, kindly issue me certified copies of the same.” In reply to this query the Respondent No. 1 furnished certified copy of the handing over report of plots. The contention of the Appellant is that the information that he asked is whether there was a deed or documents of the land handed over by GIDC for setting up housing projects under 20 Point Program at Verna and Loutolim and by furnishing certified copy of handing over report of plot has not answered correctly the query of the Appellant. Any information which has to be provided is from the records and the Respondent No. 1 provided to the Appellant copy of the handing over report of the plots. It appears that the land for setting up housing projects under 20 Point Program at Verna and Loutolim was acquired and placed with the GIDC. Once the land is acquired the ownership vests with the Government and in the present case the land in question was placed with the GIDC for setting up housing projects under 20 Point Program at Verna and Loutolim. There is no question of any deed or ownership document once the land is acquired and the only document that GIDC had was the handing over report of plots under 20 Point Program at Verna and Loutolim and that is precisely the Respondent No. 1 provided to the Appellant.

4. Since the land was acquired by the Government and the only transaction of GIDC under 20 Point Program at Verna and Loutolim was the handing over report, the information provided by the Respondent No. 1 meets the requirements to the information sought by the Appellant at Sr. No. 1 of the request dated 04.05.2009. There are no reasons to interfere with the Impugned Order. Hence, the following order:

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ORDER

The appeal is dismissed.

Pronounced on this 05th day of March, 2010.

Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner