

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI**

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 264/2008

Shri Joao C. Pereira,
H. No. 40, Acsona,
Utorda, Majorda,
Salcete – Goa

... Appellant.

V/s.

1) The Public Information Officer,
Superintendent of Police (South),
Margao – Goa

... Respondent No. 1.

2) The First Appellate Authority,
Inspector General of Police,
Police Headquarters,
Panaji – Goa

... Respondent No. 2.

Appellant in person.

Smt. N. Narvekar for the Respondents.

J U D G M E N T

(Per Afonso Araujo)

By request dated 23.10.2008 the Appellant sought information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short, ‘The RTI Act’) and required certified copy of the Opinion received from the Government Examiner of Question Documents sent for examination of Verna Police Station – Cr. No. 241/07.

2. The Respondent No. 1 by communication dated 1.12.2008 rejected the request of the Appellant under section 8(1)(h) as it will impede the process of investigation. Not satisfied with the decision, the Appellant preferred First Appeal and by order dated 22.12.2008 the First Appellate Authority maintained the decision of the Respondent No. 1. Hence, this Second Appeal.

3. The Appellant requires certified copy of the Opinion of the Government Examiner pertaining to the Cr. No. 241/07 of Verna

...2/-

Police Station. It appears that this Crime No. was registered on the complaint of one Natividade Fernandes. Since the Appellant is not the Complainant in Cr. No. 241/07, is not entitled for the copy of the Opinion of the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents and rightly, the First Appellate Authority upheld the decision of the Public Information Officer stating that the information if provided would impede the process of investigation and it is exempted under section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

The Appeal is dismissed.

Pronounced on this 11th day of February, 2010.

**Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner**