

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI**

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 36/2009

Shri Vishnu A. Priolkar,
H. No. C-5/55, Mala,
Panaji – Goa

... Appellant.

V/s.

1) The Public Information Officer,
Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Works Division III, St. Inez,
Panaji – Goa

... Respondent No. 1.

2) First Appellate Authority,
For S.S.W., P.W.D. Office,
Altinho, Panaji – Goa

... Respondent No. 2.

3) Shri C. Radhakrishnan,
Assistant Engineer – II,
Division III (PHE),
Sewage Treatment Plant,
Tonca, Caranzalem – Goa

... Respondent No. 3.

Appellant in person.

Shri K. L. Bhagat for the Respondent No. 1

Shri V. Naik for the Respondent No. 3.

J U D G M E N T

(Per Afonso Araujo)

The Appellant on 20.02.2009 sought the following information in respect of Assistant Engineer, C. Radhakrishnan working at Sewage Treatment Plant:

(1) Whether any vigilance enquiry pending against him, (2) Whether any memo or complaint received against him from any person, (3) Time of arrival for duties and time of departure, (4) Whether he is using official vehicle for personal use on holidays, (5) Attendance certificate from January, 2007 to February, 2009, (6) Whether he has been authorized by office to attend in the Court of Additional District Magistrate, Panaji-Goa, case filed by Executive Engineer for sewage connection to Pramodini V. Chari, Mala, Panaji. (7) Whether he has taken written permission to leave

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headquarter to visit native place at Kerala in the month of November/December, 2008., (8) Total kilometers used by him official car for official and non official duty, (9) Last how many years he is officiating as Assistant Engineer at sewage treatment plant, (10) Date when he was promoted as Assistant Engineer, (11) Whether he is on adhoc or confirm as Assistant Engineer.

The Respondent No. 2 on 18.03.2009 provided the information at Sr. No. 6 and 10 and in respect of the remaining information, stated that it pertains to personal records of C. Radhakrishnan and cannot be provided. Aggrieved by this decision the Appellant preferred a First Appeal and the First Appellate Authority upheld the decision of the Respondent No. 1 and dismissed the Appeal.

3. On perusing the information at Sr. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 indicates that the Appellant sought the information in a most casual manner and being vague it cannot be called information within the meaning of information under the RTI Act and rightly the Respondent No. 1 denied the information being personal information of C. Radhakrishnan and no public interest is involved.

4. However, the information sought at Sr. No. 9 where the Appellant wants to know how many years C. Radhakrishnan is officiating as Assistant Engineer at Sewage Treatment Plant, at Sr. No. 10 – the date he was promoted as Assistant Engineer and at Sr. No. 11 whether he is confirmed as Assistant Engineer, are in respect of the public duties as a Government Servant working as Assistant Engineer at Sewage Treatment Plant and as such the Respondent No. 1 has to provide this information at Sr. No. 9, 10 and 11. If this information is not with the Respondent No. 1, the same to be transferred or to seek assistance from the Section having such records. With these observations, the following order:

ORDER

The Appeal is partly allowed. The decision of the Public Information Officer denying the information at Sr. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and

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8 is maintained. The Respondent No. 1 to transfer the information at Sr. No. 9, 10 and 11 within the period of five days from the date of receipt of this order to the Public Information Officer in the Section having the relevant records.

Pronounced on this 17th day of March, 2010.

Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner

