

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
AT PANAJI**

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 78/SIC/2009

Shri Abdul Matin Carol,
102, Wing C, Kancho Apartment,
Aquem Alto
Margao – Goa

... Complainant.

V/s.

The Public Information Officer,
Collectorate of South Goa (Land Acquisition),
South Goa,
Margao – Goa

... Opponent.

Complainant alongwith Adv. Mukherjee
Opponent in person.

Dated: 29.03.2010

ORDER

The Complainant by request dated 13.03.2009 sought information under the RTI Act from the Opponent and required certified copies of the entire file containing all the relevant documents as regards to the acquisition of land for the purpose of burial ground for all the three communities.

2. The Opponent by letter dated 20.03.2009 called upon the Complainant to produce the Land Acquisition Notification regarding burial ground for enquiry. Subsequently, on 26.03.2009 the Dy. Collector (LA), Margao in reference to the application of the Complainant dated 13.03.2009 requested the Complainant to submit the details of the project such as name of the project, notification No. and date, for taking further action. On 19.08.2009 the Complainant addressed a letter under the RTI Act to the Public Information Officer, Under Secretary (Revenue), Secretariat, Panaji, and required copy of the entire file containing all relevant documents as regards to acquisition of land for burial ground which was by resolution passed unanimously in Goa Assembly by Resolution No. 26

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dated 16th July 1999 and accordingly the land acquisition proceedings were initiated for acquiring land admeasuring 99500 sq. mts. Situated at Aquem, behind St. Sebastian Chapel and located under Survey No. 52 P.T. Sheet No. 228 belonging to Comunidade of Margao. On 22.09.2009 the Dy. Collector (LA), South Goa, Margao informed the Complainant to collect the copies of entire file containing all relevant documents as regards to acquisition of land for burial ground on payment of fees which was approximately Rs.1580/-. As the file was not the same which the Complainant required, this Complaint was preferred with a prayer to direct the Opponent to furnish Land Acquisition File and impose penalties on the Opponent.

3. The information sought by the Complainant is in respect of the file containing all documents of land acquisition for burial ground. According to the Complainant the decision was taken in the Assembly for acquisition of land. But there is nothing on record to indicate that such acquisition has been initiated and a file prepared. The Opponent called upon the Complainant to make necessary payment of fees of a file which turned out to be not the one which the Complainant required. If there is any file for the purpose of land acquisition and the same is not found in all the records, the proper course is to file the FIR on this missing file before the Police authorities.

With these observations this Complaint is disposed off.

Sd/-
(Afonso Araujo)
State Information Commissioner

