GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION AT PANAJI

CORAM: Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information Commissioner

Complaint No. 128/SIC/2010

Sanyogita Shetye, Through Power of Attorney Shri Kashinath Shetye, Fondvem, Ribandar – Tiswadi ... Complainant.

V/s.

The Public Information Officer, Executive Engineer Div. XIV, PWD, Fatorda, Margao – Goa ... Opponent.

Complainant through authorized representative Shri Kashinath Shetye.

Opponent in person.

Dated: 28.04.2010

<u>O R D E R</u>

The information sought on 30.06.2009 under the RTI Act is in respect to the Circular of Chief Secretary dated 09.06.2009 of the items mentioned at Sr. No. 1 to 7. By communication dated 22.07.2009 the Opponent called upon the Complainant for discussions in regard to application dated 30.06.2009.

2. Shri Shetye contended there is nothing to be discussed on the application as the same is clear and as there was a delay in providing the information the same be provided to the Complainant free of cost.

3. In fact information sought pertains to a Circular issued by the Chief Secretary on 09.06.2009 and it is in respect of movement of files. The Opponent based on the circular has to provide the requirements mentioned at Sr. No. 1 to 7 of the request dated 30.06.2009. This information sought on 30.06.2009 was received in the office of the public authority –

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Works Division XIV on 09.07.2009 and on 22.07.2009 the Opponent called upon the Complainant for discussions in regard to his application dated 30.06.2009. Whether discussion was required or not is a different aspect, but for the purpose of giving the information free of cost the question is whether there was a delay or not. The records indicate that though the application was dated 30.06.2009, it was received by the office only on 09.07.2009 and on 22.07.2009 the Opponent called upon the Complainant for discussions. Since there was no delay the question of providing information free of cost does not arise. The Opponent to decide the application for information dated 30.60.2009 in accordance with law.

With these observations the Complaint is disposed off.

Sd/-(Afonso Araujo) State Information Commissioner