

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
AT PANAJI**

**CORAM:** Shri Afonso Araujo, State Information  
Commissioner

Complaint No.79/SIC/2010

Mr. Ajit S. Porob  
"Shashi Sadan"  
House No. 133/3, Palmar-Pomburpa,  
Bardez – Goa ... Complainant.

V/s.

State Public Information Officer,  
Executive Engineer, W.D. XVIII (Roads),  
P.W.D.  
Ponda – Goa ... Opponent.

Adv. Sitaram Porob for the Complainant.  
Opponent in person.

**Dated: 29.04.2010**

**ORDER**

The information which was sought by the Complainant under the RTI Act by request dated 04.01.2010, the Opponent by communication dated 28.01.2010 called on the Complainant to collect the information on payment of Rs. 150/- and required the Complainant to furnish the identity at the time of payment of charges. On 29.01.2010 the Complainant approached the Opponent with a letter of authority authorizing one Rupesh K. Porob to collect the information. As the Opponent refused to accept the letter of authority, the present Complaint.

2. The information under the RTI Act can be sought only by a citizen. A group of persons, associations or Company cannot seek information under the RTI Act. The request dated 04.01.2010 is of the Complainant and the Opponent called upon the Complainant to make

payments for the information sought and also required the Complainant to furnish the identity at the time of payment of charges. It was for the Complainant to make payment and collect the

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information personally and not by allowing any other person to collect the same with the letter of authority. After all the information sought by the Complainant was in his individual capacity and has to be provided only to the Complainant. As such, the Complainant to make the payment of fees and collect the information personally from the Appellant. With these observations, the Complaint is disposed off.

Sd/-

**(Afonso Araujo)**

**State Information**

**Commissioner**

GSIC/Complaint No. 79/SIC/2010  
Goa State Information Commission  
Shrama Shakti Bhavan, Gr. Floor,  
Patto Plaza, Panaji-Goa

07.05.2010

To,

1) Mr. Ajit S. Porob

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Bardez – Goa

2) State Public Information Officer,  
Executive Engineer, W.D. XVIII (Roads),  
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**Sub: Complaint No. 79/SIC/2010.**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of the Order dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 passed by the Commission in the above referred Complaint for your information.

Yours faithfully,

(Meena H. Naik  
Goltekar)  
Under Secretary-cum-  
Registrar

Encl: As above.

