## **GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

Ground Floor, "Shrama Shakti Bhavan", Patto Plaza, Panaji.

Appeal No. 40/2006/PER

Dr. M. N. Pal R/o 11, Gomeco Hsg. Society, Bambolim – Goa. 403 202.

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Appellant.

V/s.

- The Under Secretary, (Personnel I) &, Public Information Officer, Government of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa.
  The Chief Secretary/Chief Vigilance
- Officer & First Appellate Authority, Government of Goa, Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa.

Respondents.

## CORAM:

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Shri A. Venkataratnam State Chief Information Commissioner & Shri G. G. Kambli State Information Commissioner

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Under Section 19 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005)

Dated : 13/11/2006.

## <u>ORDER</u>

Appellant in person. The Respondent No. 1 present and filed the reply stating that the Appellant has not exhausted the remedies of first appeal before the First Appellate Authority. He also informed that Joint Secretary (GA) is the First Appellate Authority against the decision of the Respondent No. 1. The Appellant has not filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority as required by sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the RTI Act and hence, the second appeal is pre-mature.

Therefore, the second appeal does not lie against the order of the PIO. Being so, appeal is rejected.

> (G.G. Kambli) State Information Commissioner, GOA.

(A. Venkataratnam) State Chief Information Commissioner, GOA.