

## **GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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

Appeal No. 122/2007/EDC

Shri. Premanand Fadte,  
46/E, Arlem Rai,  
Salcete - Goa.

..... Appellant.

V/s.

1. Public Information Officer,  
Shri. S. M. Govenkar,  
P.O. (Accts./Admn.),  
Goa Education Development Corporation,  
Porvorim - Goa.

2. First Appellate Authority,  
The Managing Director,  
Goa Education Development Corporation,  
Porvorim - Goa.

..... Respondents.

### **CORAM:**

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

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Dated: 26/05/2008.

Appellant present in person.

Respondents also in person.

### **ORDER**

This will dispose off the application dated 27/03/2008 filed by the Appellant claiming compensation of Rs.6950/- on various items. The case of the Appellant is that the Government did not settle the payment of remuneration to the various teachers for two years for the work carried out by them as per Government instructions. Hence, the Appellant, in the public interest, sought the information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short the RTI Act) and ultimately had to approach the Commission. In the process, the Appellant submits that he had to incur lot of expenditure as specified in the applications and also had to suffer physical discomfort, financial loss and mental torture. He has, therefore, prayed that Opponent be directed to pay him the compensation of Rs.6950/-.

2. In reply, the Respondent submitted that on receipt of the application dated 25/5/2007 the Respondent acted diligently and provided the information.

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He also submitted that the orders of the Commission were also complied with from time to time. The Respondent also stated that the delay in non-settling the remuneration was not due to the Respondent but on account of the procedure involved in obtaining sanction from the Director of Technical Education.

3. The main appeal has already been disposed off by this Commission by judgment and order dated 10/04/2008. We have gone through the records carefully and we find that the delay in settling the payment of remuneration cannot be solely attributed to the Respondent No. 1. The Respondent No. 1 had acted immediately on the receipt of the application of the Appellant under RTI Act. No malafide has been established by the Appellant against the Respondent No. 1.

4. Therefore, we are not inclined to grant the prayer of the Appellant for awarding the compensation and as such the application dated 27/03/2008 is hereby rejected.

Pronounced in the open court on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

Sd/-  
(G. G. Kambli)  
State Information Commissioner

Sd/-  
(A. Venkataratnam)  
State Chief Information Commissioner