

**GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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

**Appeal / 41 / SIC / 2008 /**

Shri Subodh S. Sawant,  
B-2, Shanti Campus, Nr. Mehul Talkies,  
Nr Mahesh Tutorials, Mulund,  
West, Mumbai - 400 080

..... Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,  
Shri Pramod D. Bhat,  
The Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka,  
Bicholim - Goa. .... Respondent No.1..
2. The Public Information Officer,  
Shri Pramod D. Bhat,  
In the Office of The Administrator of Devasthans of Bicholim Taluka,  
Bicholim - Goa. .... Respondent No.2..
3. The First Appellate Authority,  
Shri Arvind V. Budge,  
The Deputy Collector & S.D.O.,  
Bicholim Sub-Division,  
Bicholim - Goa. .... Respondent No.3..

**CORAM:**

Shri G. G. Kambli  
State Information Commissioner

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Dated: 06/08/2008.

Appellant in person.

Both the respondents in person.

**ORDER**

The Appellant requested the Respondent No. 1 to provide him two certified copies of the report bearing No.MAM/BICH/DEV/2007/2061 dated 24/10/2007 submitted to the Collectorate of North Goa District, vide his application bearing reference No. 9 dated 04/02/2008, under the Right to Information Act, 2005(for short the Act). The Respondent No. 1 transferred the said application of the Appellant under section 6 (3) of the Act to himself as Administrator of Devasthans of Bicholim Taluka. Neither the Respondent NO. 1 nor the Administrator of Devasthan of Bicholim communicated any decision to the Appellant within the time limit specified in section 7 of the

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Act. The Appellant, therefore filed a first Appeal before the Respondent No. 2 on 02/04/2008. The Respondent No. 2 also failed to take a decision on his Appeal within the time limit laid down in section 19 (6) of the Act.

2. The Appellant therefore approached this Commission by way of 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal under section 19 (3) of the Act on the various grounds as set out in the memo of Appeal. On the day of hearing the Respondent No.1 submitted that there is no separate Public Information Officer appointed to the Office of the Administrator of Devasthan. It is to be noted that the Devasthan section is part and parcel of the Office of the Mamlatdar and it is the duty of the Mamlatdar being the Public Information officer to provide the information to the citizen pertaining to the Devasthan section.

3. The Respondent No. 1 agreed to give suitable reply to the Appellant. He was also directed to give suitable reply within a week time and file the compliance report to this Commission. Accordingly, the Respondent filed the compliance report along with the copy of the reply sent to the Appellant. The Respondent No. 1 has informed the Appellant that no such information/document are available in the Devasthan section. Being so, nothing survives in the present 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal and as such the same stands disposed off.

4. Pronounced in the open Court on this 06<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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