GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Complaint No. 16/SIC/2008

Shri. Lavu Govind Naik, Bhandarwada Amona, Post Marcela – Goa.

V/s.

Public Information Officer, The Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka, Bicholim – Goa.

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Complainant.

Opponent.

Shri G. G. Kambli

CORAM:

State Information Commissioner

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Dated: 07/07/2008.

This will dispose off the complaint dated 4/6/2008 filed by the abovenamed Complainant against the Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka. The grievances of the Complainant are that he approached the Mamlatdar vide his request dated 10/03/2008 seeking certain information. However, he did not receive any information from the Mamlatdar and therefore, he has approached directly to this Commission by way of this present complaint.

2. The matter was fixed for admission. However, the Complainant remained absent. Admittedly, the Complainant has not filed the first appeal before the first Appellate Authority under section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short the Act). The Complainant has not exhausted the remedy available under section 19 (1) of the Act and has directly approached this Commission under section 18 of the Act. This Commission has already held the view that the provisions of section 18 of the Act are subject to the provision of section 19 of the Act. Hence, the complaint of the Complainant is rejected. Inform the Complainant.

Pronounced in the open court, on this 7th day of July, 2008.

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