

## **GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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

Complaint No. 32/2007-08/MMC

Shri Leonard E. Lobo  
President,  
Citizens Forum for Public Consciousness,  
Vasco - Goa.

..... Complainant.

V/s.

The Public Information Officer,  
The Chief Officer,  
Mormugao Municipal Council,  
Vasco - Goa.

..... Opponent.

### **CORAM:**

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

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Dated: 25/10/2007.

Complainant in person.

### **ORDER**

The Complainant vide his letter dated 06/09/2007 had made the grievances that the Asst. Public Information Officer, Mr. Premanand Y. Naik of Mormugao Municipal Council has provided him wrong information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short the Act). The said letter has been addressed by the Complainant as a President for Citizens Forum for Public Consciousness (Vasco). The Complainant has not exhausted the remedy of filing the first appeal before the first Appellate Authority under section 19(1) of the Act. That apart, the Complainant has filed this present complaint as well as the application to the Chief Officer not in his individual capacity but for the "Citizens Forum for Public Consciousness (Vasco)". We have already held the view in Complaint No. 25/2006 that the provisions of the Act can be invoked only by the natural person and not by companies, firms, associations etc. In these circumstances, we reject the complaint of the Complainant.

Pronounced in the open court on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

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

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

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