GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Complaint No. 50/2007-08/GP

Smt. Surekha M. Naik, 356, Porascodem, Pernem – Goa.

Complainant.

V/s.

The Public Information Officer, The Secretary, Gram Panchayat Khajana, Amere – Poraskode, Pernem – Goa.

Opponent.

CORAM:

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

(Per A. Venkataratnam)

Dated: 15/01/2008.

Complainant and Opponent in person.

ORDER

This is a complaint against the Opponent that her request for inspection of files of the Panchayat was not agreed to by the Opponent even after the payment of the inspection fees. The facts as stated in the complaint are that the Complainant filed an application on 9/11/2007 with Opponent asking for inspection of certain records of the Panchayat. On the same day, the Opponent requested the Complainant to deposit an application fee of Rs.10/-. On 12/11/2007 the money was paid. However, what happened on that day is in controversy. The Complainant stated that the Opponent did not provide access to the files and she could not inspect. However, on notices having been issued, the Opponent filed the written submission denying the allegations and stated that she had actually inspected the files. We have no way of knowing the truth in the absence of any affidavit or evidence to that effect from the Complainant. We have, therefore, no alternative other than to dismiss the complaint. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed.

Pronounced in the open court on this 15th day of January, 2008.

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

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