

GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Complaint No:51/2007-08

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C/o. Narayan Divkar, Mainam Bhatti,
Arpora, Bardez - Goa ... Complainant.

V/s

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Village Panchayat Calangute,
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CORAM:

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

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Dated: 15/01/2008.

Ld. Adv. Shivan Desai, for the Complainant.
Opponent absent.

ORDER

By this common Order, we will dispose off the above two
Complaints as the parties and the subject matter are the same. In both

these Complaints, the Complainant alleges that the Opponent has not complied with the orders of the Appellate Authority that is the Block Development Officer of Bardez Taluka whereby the Opponent was directed to provide the information to the Complainant sought by the Complainant.

2. We are not going into the merits of both these cases as the orders of the first Appellate Authority are not assailed before this Commission. By two separate orders both dated 25/09/2007 passed in Appeal number 22/2007 and 23/2007 the first Appellate Authority had directed the Opponent to furnish the information to the Complainant within 15 days from the date of passing of the order. The grievances of the Complainant are that the Opponent had not complied with the order of the Appellate Authority and therefore the Complainant has to approach this Commission by way of these Complaints under section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short the Act).

3. Complainant had prayed that the Opponent be directed to furnish the information immediately and the penalty be imposed as well as the disciplinary action be recommended against the Opponent under section 20 of the Act. The Complainant has also prayed that the compensation be also awarded to him for the inconvenience, hardship, mental torture, harassment, loss of time.

4. The Notice was issued to the Opponent to remain present for hearing on 08/01/2008. The Opponent choose to remain absent without any sufficient cause. Since, the Complainant is asking for the compliance of the orders passed by the first Appellate Authority we have no hesitation to direct the Opponent to comply with the orders of the first Appellate Authority within one week's time from the date of the receipt of this orders and file the compliance report on 24/01/2008 at

11.00 a.m. The Opponent is also directed to show cause as to why the other prayers of the Complainant for imposing the penalty and recommending disciplinary action u/s 20 of the Act should not be granted. The reply to the show cause should be filed on the aforesaid date and time i.e. 24/01/2008 at 11.00 a.m.

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

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

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(A. Venkataratnam)
State Chief Information Commissioner, Goa.

