

GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Complaint No. 58/2007

Shri. Shashikant A. Sardesai,
5/T-2, Dukle Residency,
St. Inez, P. O. Caranzalem – Goa.

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Complainant.

V/s.

1. Shri. Subhash A. Shirodkar,
The President,
Goa Olympic Association,
Shiroda – Goa.
2. The Director,
Sports & Youth Affairs,
Campal, Panaji – Goa.

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Opponents.

CORAM:

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

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Dated: 16/07/2008.

ORDER

This will dispose off the complaint dated 17/12/2007 filed by the Complainant. The grievance of the Complainant is that the Complainant has sent a letter dated 16/11/2007 to the President of Goa Olympic Association requesting him to supply some information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short the Act). In response thereof, the Complainant received a letter from the Secretary General of the Goa Olympic Association returning his cheque of Rs.10/- on the ground that the Goa Olympic Association is an autonomous body affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association.

2. The case was fixed for admission and the notice was issued to the Director of Sports and Youth Affairs. The Director of Sports and Youth Affairs submitted that the Goa Olympic Association is affiliated to the Sports Authority of Goa and therefore, the Director of Sports and Youth Affairs requested to drop him from the proceedings. Accordingly, the notice was issued to the Executive Director of Sports Authority of Goa. The Executive Director of Sports Authority of Goa filed a statement wherefrom it is seen that only annual maintenance grants of Rs.2280/- was given to the Goa Olympic Association during the year 2005-06. Similarly, during the year 2006-07, an amount of Rs.49,74,233/- was

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sanctioned as participation grants and no grants has been released for the year 2007-08. The Executive Director was also asked to file a copy of the constitution of the Goa Olympic Association. Accordingly, he has filed a copy of the memorandum of the Association and regulations. It is seen that the Goa Olympic Association is a society registered under Societies Registration Act.

3. The Complainant remained absent for the hearings held on 2/04/2008, 25/04/2008, 8/5/2008, 4/6/2008 and 27/06/2008. The Executive Director of the Sports Authority of Goa remained present on 27/06/2008. He submitted that Goa Olympic Association is affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association and it is directly controlled by the said Association. He also stated that the Sports Authority of Goa has not control over the Goa Olympic Association. The elections to the Managing Committee is also conducted by the Society itself and the Sports Authority of Goa has no say in that matter.

4. The Complainant chose to remain absent for number of hearings and has not satisfied this Commission as to whether the said Goa Olympic Association is a public authority within the meaning of section 2(h) of the Act. Hence, we reject the complaint of the Complainant.

Pronounced in the open Court, on this 16th day of July, 2008.

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

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(A. Venkataratnam)
State Chief Information Commissioner