

## **GOA INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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

Complaint No.60/2007-08

Shri. Sudhakar G. Naik,  
H. No. 1625, Abhinav Housing Complex,  
Near Prime Rose School,  
Porvorim, Bardez – Goa.

..... Complainant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
The Secretary,  
Village Panchayat of Penha de France,  
Britona, Bardez – Goa.

..... Opponent.

### **CORAM :**

Shri G. G. Kambli  
State Information Commissioner

(Per G. G. Kambli)

Dated: 06/02/2008.

### **ORDER**

The Complainant present in person. He is heard. The Complainant has directly filed the complaint before this Commission against the V.P. Secretary of Penha de France for denying the information sought by the Complainant under the RTI Act, 2005. The Complainant has not exhausted the remedy of the first appeal available under sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Act. The Complainant, therefore, may resort to the remedy of the first appeal available to him under the said provision. The present complaint cannot be entertained since the Complainant has approached this Commission directly without preferring the first appeal. Hence, the complaint stands rejected.

Announced in the open court on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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