

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Complaint No. 63/2006/US(Rev.)

Shri Patrick Fernandes
703, Taboot Street,
Camp, Pune - 411001.

..... Complainant.

V/s.

1. The Public Information Officer,
Under Secretary (Revenue),
Secretariat, Porvorim - Goa.
2. The Land Acquisition Officer,
P. W. D. (Cell), Altinho,
Panaji - Goa.

..... Opponents.

CORAM:

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

(Per A. Venkataratnam)

Dated: 10/04/2007.

Complainant absent.

Representative of both the Opponent No. 1 and 2 are present.

ORDER

The Complainant approached the Commission by his complaint dated 2/3/2007 stating that the Under Secretary, Revenue Department, Opponent No. 1, herein has not attended to his grievance regarding the non-payment of compensation awarded to him by the Land Acquisition Officer, P.W.D., (Land Acquisition Cell). Among his other grievances are that the compensation awarded at Rs.27/- per sq. mts. is very less and that it should be atleast Rs.592/-. He also prayed that interest should be paid on the compensation awarded to him at the rate of 20% since 1992 when his land was acquired.

2. On issuance of the notices, the Under Secretary (Revenue) while giving a detailed reply alongwith all the enclosures of the correspondence made with the Complainant submitted that compensation was already awarded to the Complainant but it was not claimed by him and hence, the Land Acquisition

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Officer deposited the same in the Civil Court. The Complainant can claim the amount from the Land Acquisition Officer. He stated that all the information has already given to him and that complaint may be dismissed.

3. We have gone through the papers and find that the grievance of the Complainant is regarding the non-payment of the compensation amount under the Land Acquisition Act and for enhancement of the compensation. These are the matters outside the purview of the Right to Information Act. The Complainant has to go to the Competent Forum for the redressal of his grievance. The complaint is, therefore, dismissed as not maintainable. Parties to be informed by post.

(A. Venkataratnam)
State Chief Information Commissioner

(G. G. Kambli)
State Information Commissioner