## The Goa State Information Commission

## Complaint No. 19/2006/DT

Girish S. Pai Raikar
Flat No. 21, IInd Floor,
Galaxy Apartments,
Near Vishant, Aquem,
Margao, Salcete – Goa.

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, Asst. Director of Transport (South), Margao – Goa.

Respondent

CORAM : A. Venkataratnam., SCIC G.G.Kambli, SIC

(Per G.G. Kambli)

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Dated: 16/08/2006.

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The complainant vide his letter dated 25/7/2006 addressed to this Commission has forwarded the copies of 4 different letters, all dated 28/11/2005 addressed to Asst. Director of Transport/State Public Information Officer/Asst. Public Information Officer of the Transport Department (South), Margao and requested the Commission to issue necessary directions to the Directorate of Transport, Panaji.

- 2. During the course of the hearing, the complainant submitted that he submitted 4 different applications to the Asst. Director of Transport, Margao seeking various information and that the information furnished to him by the said office was incomplete. On the other hand, the respondent submitted that whatever information was sought by the complainant was furnished. However, some of the points on which the information was sought were very vague.
- 3. It is seen from the letter dated 25/7/2006 filed before this Commission by the complainant, the complainant has not made out any case as to which information has been furnished and the points on which the information has not been furnished by the respondent. That apart, the complainant has not filed or preferred the first appeal before the first Appellate Authority and he has directly approached this Commission and that too without any specific prayers. The complainant has not exhausted the remedies available under the RTI Act, 2005 and therefore, the Commission cannot entertain the letter dated 25/7/2006 of the complainant. The complainant, therefore, may approach the first Appellate Authority if he so desires. Hence, the letter dated 25/7/2006 filed by the complainant is rejected being pre-mature. Parties to be informed.

(G.G. Kambli) State Information Commissioner, GOA.

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

16/08/2006.