IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

Writ Petition No.326/2007

SHRI EKNATH TALKAR, aged 42 years, presently posted as Secretary Village Panchayat, Candolim and residing at 1st floor Salgaonkar Complex, Volant, Betim, Bardez-Goa

Applicants.

Versus

- 1) GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION, having its office at ground floor, "Shrama Shakti Bhavan," Patto Plaza, Panaji-Goa.
- 2) MRS. AGNES D'SILVA, Majorof age, R/o.' Vignesh' Ward, Maddawado, Calangute, Bardez-Goa.

Respondents.

- Ms. P.A. Kamat, Advocate for the petitioner.
- Mr. S. D. Lotlikar, Senior Advocate with Ryan Menezes, Advocate for the respondent No.1.

Mr. Amrut Kansar, Advocate for the respondent No.2.

Coram :- R. S. MOHITE, J.

<u>Date : - 3rd August, 2007.</u>

P.C.:

Heard. Rule, limited to the questions of the power of the Goa State Chief Information Commissioner to direct the compensation U/s.19(8)(b) while entertaining the complaint U/s.18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Pending the disposal of this petition, there will be

stay of the awarded compensation as directed to be given in para. 9 of the impugned judgment. It is made clear that proceedings in pursuance of the show cause notice U/s.20 will be continued. Since the reply to the show cause notice is yet to be given, the proceeding U/s.20 will be decided independently on the basis of material on record.

R. S. MOHITE,J.

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