BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE,  
GOVERNMENT OF GOA, PANAJI – GOA

(First appellate Authority U/S 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005)

Appeal No.05/2017

Smt. Suvarna Satish Sinai Borkar,  
R/o. H.No.550 &551;  
Bazarwada, Marcela,  
Ponda - Goa.  

...... The Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,  
Excise Station Ponda,  
Ponda- Goa.  

...... Respondent

WHEREAS, the above named Appellant, vide her application dated 15/05/2017 had requested the Public Information Officer to furnish certain information.

WHEREAS, the Public Information Officer submitted the information, vide his letter dated 29/06/2017 to the Appellant stating ‘not applicable’ to all the five questions, since all the five questions were starting with question by interpreting them as not covered under the Right to Information Act, 2005. However, the Public Information Officer supplied the copies of application and the licence issued to the licensee from the year 2006 onwards on the basis of request of the applicant in the last para of the application.

WHEREAS, the Public Information Officer during hearing informed that, there are no other documents available in his office with respect to question No. 1 to 5 and he is not sure when the first licence was issued to the licensee.
WHEREAS the Appellant requested the First Appellant Authority to direct Public Information Officer to submit reply properly and not to just mention not applicable as it is violation of Right to Information Act, 2005.

AND WHEREAS, after hearing arguments from both the sides, it is felt appropriate to direct the Public Information Officer to send another reply to the Appellant by clearly mentioning the availability of documents or information available with Public Information Officer with respect to each question. Further, in case Public Information Officer feels that any particular question is not covered under Right to Information Act, then he should clearly mention it with justification.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby direct the Public Information Officer to provide all the information subject to the provision of Right to Information Act, 2005 within 10 days and dispose the Appeal dated 31/07/2017.

In case, the Appellant is not satisfied with the above decision, she can file second Appeal before Chief Information Commission, Kamat Towers, 7th floor, Patto Plaza, Panaji, Goa as per the provisions of Right to Information Act 2005.

Panaji Goa.
Date:- 05/09/2017

(Amit Satija, IAS)
Commissioner of Excise

To
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R/o. H.No.550 & 551, Bazarwada,
Marcela, Ponda, Goa

To
The Public Information Officer,
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