GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

'Kamat Towers', Seventh Floor, Patto, Panaji – Goa

CORAM: Smt. Pratima K. Vernekar, State Information Commissioner

Penalty No.30/2017 In Appeal No.142/SIC/2015.

Shri Pedrito Misquitta alias John Peter Misquitta, House No. 234-B/Souza Vaddo, Candolim Goa,

.....Appellant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer/Assistant PIO, Office of the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority, Panaji Goa.Respondent.

Disposed on:- 5/06/2017

<u>ORDER</u>

- While disposing the appeal No. 142/SIC/2015 by an order dated Order dated 24/04/2017, this Commission directed Respondent PIO to furnish the information at point (C) and (D) of the application dated 2/06/2015 within 15 days from the receipt of the order. Also directed to Issue notice to the Respondent No. 1 Public Information Officer (PIO) and he was directed to file reply showing why penalty /Compensation should not be imposed on him.
- 2. Accordingly showcause notice was issued on 16/05/2017. In pursuant to the showcause notice representative of Respondent PIO Shri Baskar Shinde appeared and files compliance report of having furnished the information at point No. (C) and (D) of the application of the appellant dated 2/06/2015. He further submitted to take lenient view in the entire matter and undertook to comply with provision of the Right To Information Act 2005 hence forth.

- 3. I have gone through the available records in the file. It is seen from the records that the information was not furnished to the appellant in pursuant to the order of First Appellate Authority (FAA) the information came to be furnished to the appellant only after passing of the order by this Commission. Such an attitude and the conduct on the part of PIO is condemnable and against the mandate of RTI Act.
- 4. Considering this is the 1st lapse on the part of PIO a lenient view is taken in the matter. PIO hereby directed to be vigilant hence forth while dealing with the RTI Matters and any future lapses if any will be viewed seriously.

Notify the parties.

Authenticated copies of the Order should be given to the parties free of cost.

Aggrieved party if any may move against this order by way of a Writ Petition as no further Appeal is provided against this order under the Right to Information Act 2005.

Pronounced in the open court.

Sd/-

(**Ms. Pratima K. Vernekar**) State Information Commissioner Goa State Information Commission, Panaji-Goa

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