

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

CORAM: Shri Prashant S. P. Tendolkar
Chief Information Commissioner

Penalty No.17/2016

IN

Appeal No.03/SCIC/2016

Shri Jawaharlal T. Shetye,

H. No.35/A, Ward No.II,

Khorlim Mapusa.

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Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,

The Main Engineer Grade – (Hussein Shah Muzawar),

Mapusa Municipal Council,

Mapusa-Goa.

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Respondent

Disposed On:19/04/2017

ORDER

This Commission while disposing the above appeal by order dated 27/07/2016, directed the PIO to show cause as to why action as deemed fit u/s 20(1) and / or 20(2) of The Right To Information Act 2005(Act) should not initiated against him. The PIO filed reply to the said notice and after considering the arguments matter was posted for orders.

On 30/03/2017 the Appellant filed application(one original and two Xerox copies) in the inward section of this Commission inter alia seeking permission to withdraw the penalty proceedings as also in Penalty No.15/2016 and No. 16/2016. As said application was presented before me in the absence of the Appellant, the matter was adjourned to 17/04/2017 for seeking confirmation from the Appellant in person.

Accordingly on 17/04/2017 the Appellant Shri Jawaharlal T.

Shetye personally remained present and confirmed that the said application is written and signed by him and that he doesn't intend to proceed with the said penalty proceedings.

Though penalty is a matter between the Commission and PIO, considering the repentance shown by the PIO and the assurance given by him to the Appellant, I find that a lenient view can be taken.

In the aforesaid circumstances I find that the proceedings for penalty need not proceed and the same can be dropped.

Hence I withdraw the notice issued to the PIO vide the order dated, 27/07/2016 and expect that henceforth the PIO shall exercise due diligence pertaining to the matters filed and pending before him under The Right TO Information Act 2005(Act).

Pronounced in the open proceedings.

Proceedings closed.

Sd/-
(Prashant S. Prabhu Tendolkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner
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