

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Kamat Tower, Seventh Floor, Patto Panaji-Goa

Appeal No. 123/2018/SIC-I

Shri Tukaram Appa Patil,
F-4/102, Solacia Society, Phase II,
Behind Moze College of Engineering,
Baif Road, Wagholi, Pune 412 207(M.H)

....Appellant

V/s

- 1) The Public Information Officer,
Government Polytechnic,
Altinho, Panaji- Goa.
- 2) First Appellate Authority,
The Principal,
Government Polytechnic,
Altinho, Panaji Goa.

.....Respondents

CORAM:

Smt. Pratima K. Vernekar, State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 16/05/2018

Decided on: 16/07/2018

ORDER

1. The Commission while deciding the appeal bearing No.238/2017/SIC, vide order dated 6/2/2018 had directed the PIO of the office of the Directorate of Account, Panaji, to transfer the application dated 14/8/2017 filed by the appellant u/s 6(1) of RTI Act, to the PIO of Government Polytechnic, Panaji in terms of section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the PIO of Government Polytechnic was directed to deal the same in accordance with law .
2. In pursuant to the said order dated 6/2/2018, the application of the appellant dated 14/8/2017 was transferred to the Respondent No. 1 herein i.e the Government Polytechnic, Panajim by the PIO of Directorate of Accounts, vide letter No. No. GPP/ACCTS/RTI-Act/018/4307 dated 27/2/2018 and the said was replied by Respondent no.1 on 7/3/2018 alongwith enclosures more

particularly the copy of the correspondence received on 27/2/2018 from the Asst. Account officer, Government Polytechnic Panajim.

3. Being not satisfied with the said reply of respondent no. 1 PIO, the appellant filed first appeal before the Principal of Government Polytechnic , Panajim, Goa on 29/3/2018.
4. According to the appellant the respondent No. 2 FAA did not dispose the first appeal within stipulated time as contemplated u/s 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 as such being aggrieved by the Response of both the respondent, the present appeal came to be filed by the appellant on 13/6/2018 with the contention that the information still not provided and seeking order from this commission for direction to respondent No. 1 PIO for providing him the status of his bill of Rs. 16928 as sought by him vide his application dated 14/8/2017 .
5. The said matter was taken up on board and matter was listed for hearing. In pursuant to notice of this Commission appellant appeared in person. Respondent PIO Shri J. M. R. Noronha appeared and on behalf of First appellate authority L.R. Fernandes was present .
6. During the course of hearing the appellant submitted that he sought for the said information in order to approach the competent authorities with his grievances. He submitted that he is a senior citizen and presently settled in Pune and lots of his valuable time is vested besides monetary loss is caused to him in pursuing the said application and on the above ground he prayed to provide him fast relief.
7. The PIO submitted that the application of the appellant was replied by him on 7/3/2018 and it was informed to him that the Pay fixation order dated 19/11/2015 was cancelled by the Principal by order dated 17/10/17 and the initial order No. GPP/EST/A/PF/TAP/88/11/657 dated 4/3/11 was kept in force . He

further submitted that the document pertaining to the said order was furnished to the appellant vide their reply dated 7/3/2018.

8. On perusing application of the appellant dated 14/8/2017, it is seen that the appellant has sought for status of his bill of Rs. 16928/- prepared and submitted by account section of the Government Polytechnic, Panajim, vis-à-vis the reply given by the Respondent No. 1 on 7/3/2018, it was seen that the same was not replied nor the information provided in clear terms, as such a clarification was sought by this commission from the Respondent No. 1 and he submitted that bill referred by the appellant is not passed and rejected on account of cancellation of said order dated 17/10/17 and he agreed to intimate appellant the status of said bill in writing within 10 days by speed post in order to avoid further inconvenience to the appellant. Such an arrangement was agreed by the appellant herein.
9. In view of the undertaking given by Respondent No. 1 PIO to furnish the information to the appellant as sought by him on 14/8/17 within 10 days, by speed post, I find no intervention of this commission is required thereto for the purpose of furnishing the information. The right of the appellant to seek additional information pertaining to same subject matter is kept open.
10. The appeal disposed accordingly, proceedings stands closed.

Notify the parties.

Pronounced in the open court.

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.

Sd/-

(Ms. Pratima K. Vernekar)

State Information Commissioner
Goa State Information Commission,
Panaji-Goa