

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
 'Kamat Towers', Seventh Floor, Patto, Panaji – Goa

Complaint No. 25/2019/SIC-I

Shri Swaraj S. Phadte,
 Office at Bhanav Apartment,
 2nd floor,S-1,
 Near mahalaxmi Temple,
 Nextto Axis Bank, Panaji-Goa.

.....Complainant

V/s

1)The Public Information Officer,
 Office of River Navigation Department,
 Opp. Gurudwara, Betim,
 Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondent/Opponent

CORAM:

Smt. Pratima K. Vernekar, State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 27/03/2019

Decided on: 22/04/2019

ORDER

1. The brief facts leading to present complaint are that the complainant Shri Swaraj S. Phadte by his application, dated 23/4/2018 filed u/s 6(1) of The Right to Information Act, 2005 sought for certain information from the Respondent Public Information Officer (PIO), of the Office of River Navigation Department pertaining to Shri Pradeep Surya Salgaonkar , working in the office of River Navigation Department at Betim, Goa as listed at point No. 1 to 6 therein i.e (i) copy of salary certificate ,remunerations paid and other benefits drawn by him , (ii)copy of the medical bills/ mediclaims, total amount claimed by him , notings and orders to that effect ,(iii) copies of properties and assets in his name and the name of his family members.(iv)Service books and (v)educational qualification etc.
2. It is the contention of the complainant that since no information was furnished to him as such he vide letter dated 19/7/2018

again informed the PIO that he is still interested in receiving the information and to do the needful.

3. It is the contention of the complainant that he received a letter on 14/8/2018 from Captain of Ports/First appellate authority there by providing him information at point no.3 and the rest were not provided and denied and the letter of Shri Pradeep Salgaonkar dated 23/7/18 was also enclosed to said reply .
4. It is the contention of the Complainant that as the information as sought was not furnished, he filed first appeal on 11/09/2018 to the First Appellate Authority and First appellate authority vide order dated 16/1/2019 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish the information to the complainant if available.
5. It is the contention of the complainant that despite of the order of the first appellate authority no information came to be furnished to him and on the contrary he received a letter dated 18/1/2019 from the PIO denying him information on the ground that it is a personal information of Shri Pradeep Salgaonkar and cannot be disclosed as per the letter dated 23/7/2018. As such he being aggrieved by action of PIO had to approached this commission in this complaint u/s 18 of the act on 27/3/2019 with the contention that the information is still not provided deliberately with malafide intention. The complainant herein have prayed for directions for furnishing him information free of cost and for imposing penalty in terms of section 20(1) and 20(2) of RTI Act against the PIO .
6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which complainant was present. Respondent PIO Shri Gajanan Arabekar was present .
7. Reply filed by Respondent PIO on 22/04/2019. Copy of the same is furnished to the Complainant.

8. The complainant during the proceedings submitted that his main intention was to receive the information and now the same has been furnished to him by the respondent PIO as per his requirement and as such he has no any further grievance against the PIO. He showed his desire to withdraw the complaint proceedings and accordingly endorsed his say on the memo of complaint.
9. In view of the submission and the endorsement made by complainant , I do not find any reasons to proceed with the complaint . Hence the same is disposed as withdrawn.

Proceedings closed.

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

