GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

CORAM: Shri Juino De Souza: State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 219/2019/SIC-II

Ganaraj L. Xete Morajkar, Mini Sattelite Township, Colvale Housing Board, Near Ram Vidhya Mandir High School. 403513.

..... Appellant

v/s

- 1. The Public Information Officer, Saraswat Vidhyalaya Higher Secondary School, Khorlim, Mapusa Goa. 403 507.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority, Saraswat Vidhyalaya Higher Secondary School, Khorlim, Mapusa Goa. 403 507.

.... Respondents

Relevant emerging dates:

Date of Hearing : 13-01-2020 **Date of Decision** : 13-01-2020

<u>O R D E R</u>

- 1. **Brief facts of the case** are that the Appellant vide an RTI application dated 15/05/2019 sought certain information under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 from the Respondent PIO, Saraswat Vidhyalaya Higher Secondary School, Khorlim, Mapusa- Goa.
- 2. The Appellant is seeking information as follows: 1. As per Goa Board guidance please mention the paper pattern with topic wise marks distribution in 11th std Accountancy, Business studies, Economics, Secretarial Practice paper (1st term, Mid term and 2nd Term) Examination. 3. Evaluated answer sheet with Question wise marks distribution of my 11th std Accountancy, Business studies, Economics, Secretarial Practice paper (1st term, Mid term and 2nd Term) Examination and 4. Answer keys of all above mentioned examinations along with question papers.

- 3. It is seen that the PIO vide reply No. PWHSS/RTI/54/2019-2020 dated 12/06/2019 informed the Appellant as follows: With regard to point 1, it was informed that the paper pattern with topic wise marks distribution as the same does not fall within the ambit of RTI Act. With regard to point no.3, the PIO forwarded the copies of evaluated answer sheet with Question wise marks distribution of 11th std Accountancy, Business studies, Economics, Secretarial Practice paper (1st term, Mid term and 2nd Term) Examination and with regard to point no.4, it was informed that the same cannot be furnished as it does not fall within the ambit of RTI Act. The PIO also informed the Appellant to collect the above information upon payment of prescribed fee of Rs. 100/-.
- 4. It is seen that Appellant has thereafter paid the amount of Rs.100/-vide receipt no. 12 dated 18/06/2019 and was supplied with about 20 pages of information documents.
- 5. The Appellant being aggrieved with the fact that the PIO has supplied incomplete information, thereafter made out another letter in the form of a First Appeal on 19/06/2019 before the Principal, Purushottom Walawalker Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science, Commerce and Vocational Studies, assuming the Principal to be the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and who vide letter No. PWHSS/RTI/134/2019-2020 dated 09/07/2019 submitted further information of the design and pattern of papers prescribed by the Goa Board w.r.t. Std XI.
- 6. The Appellant was also informed that the same is posted on Goa Board website which may also be downloaded from www.gbshse.org. It was further informed that on hearing held on 04/07/2019, Appellant had requested for the blue-print of the papers set by teachers which was not the information sought in the original RTI Application dated 15/05/2019 and hence was rejected. The PIO also informed that as informed by the Deputy Director, Directorate of education institution has been informed...

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- that it is not mandatory to submit an answer key when the paper setter and examiner are one and the same. Nevertheless submitted the marking scheme/answer key for the said exam as per the information sought. And informed the Appellant to pay fees an amount of Rs.380/-.
- 7. Being further aggrieved with the reply and information furnished by the PIO, Principal, Purushottom Walawalker Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science, Commerce and Vocational Studies the Appellant HAS subsequently filed a Second Appeal before the Commission registered on 18/07/2019 and has prayed to furnish unfurnished information which was sought in the RTI Application.
- 8. **HEARING**: During the hearing the Appellant is absent. The Respondent PIO is represented by Adv. Ramdas R. Kolwalker whose vakalatnama is on record.
- 9. <u>SUBMISSION</u>: Adv. Ramdas R. Kolwalker submits that all information was furnished to the Appellant by the PIO, Principal, Purushottom Walawalker Higher Secondary school of Arts, Science, Commerce and Vocational Studies by two replies viz: No. PWHSS/RTI/54/2019-2020 dated 12/06/2019 and letter No. PWHSS/RTI/134/2019-2020 dated 09/07/2019 and furnished the information.
- 10. It is also submitted that the Appellant has collected 20 pages of information documents by paying an amount of Rs.100/- by receipt no. 12 dated 18/06/2019 and further the Appellant was also asked to pay another amount Rs.380/- for the information regarding the design and pattern of the paper and which the Appellant has not paid although he has collected the information which was voluminous .
- 11. Adv. Ramdas R. Kolwalker finally submits that amount of Rs. 380/ which is not paid by the Appellant has been waived by the school and as such requests the commission to dispose of the matter.

- 12. **FINDINGS:** The Commission after hearing the submissions of the Adv. Ramdas R. Kolwalker and perusing the material on record indeed finds that the PIO has vide reply No. PWHSS/RTI/54/2019-2020 dated 12/06/2019 furnished to the Appellant about 20 pages of information documents which the Appellant has collected by paying an amount of Rs.100/- by receipt no. 12 dated 18/06/2019.
- 13. The Commission also finds that the PIO, Principal of the Purushottom Walawalker Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science, Commerce and Vocational Studies, Telang Nagar, Khorlim, Mapusa Goa has furnished some more information of the design and pattern of papers prescribed by the Goa Board w.r.t. Std XI by another letter bearing No. PWHSS/RTI/134/2019-2020 dated 09/07/2019 and for which an amount of Rs. 380/- has been waived.
- 14. The Appellant has prayed that directions be given to the PIO to furnish the unfurnished information, the Appellant however has not specified in the appeal memo as to what is the unfurnished information that still remains to be furnished and as such is inclined to believe that the PIO has furnished all information as sought for in the RTI Application.
- 15. **<u>DECISION</u>**: As the information sought in the RTI Application has been furnished to the Appellant, nothing further survives in the Appeal case which accordingly stands disposed.

With these observations, all proceedings in the Appeal case stand closed. Pronounced before the parties who are present at the conclusion of the hearing. Notify the parties concerned. Authenticated copies of the order be given free of cost.

Sd/(Juino De Souza)
State Information Commissioner