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Appeal No. 215/2020

Shri. Anant Yeshwant Desai,
R/o. H.No. 300, Askawada,
Mandrem-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The PIO/ The Deputy Conservator of Forest,
North Goa Division,
Ponda-Goa.

2. The FAA/Conservator of Forests,
(Wild Life & Eco Tourism),
Forest Department,
Altinho, Panaji-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 14/12/2020

Decided on: 02/12/2021

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Anant Yeshwant Desai, R/o. H.No. 300, Askawada, Mandrem-Goa, by his application dated 18/09/2020 filed under sec 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought information on 25 points from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Deputy Conservator of Forest, Ponda-Goa.
2. The said application was transferred by PIO, Dy. Conservator of Forest, Ponda to another PIO i.e Dy. Conservator of Forest at South Goa Division at Margao Goa.
3. The PIO by reply dated 15/10/2020 informed the Appellant, that information sought for is not clear and pertains to various subject and seems like voluminous, and requested to put specific questions.
4. According to Appellant, the information sought for was not

furnished and deeming the same as refusal filed first appeal before the office of the Conservator of Forest at Altinho, Panaji-Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

5. The FAA by its order dated 20/11/2020 directed PIO, Dy. Conservator of Forest, North Goa Division to facilitate for inspection of records and provide all the information identified by the Appellant.
6. However since the PIO failed to comply the order of FAA, Appellant preferred this second appeal under sec 19(3) of the Act before the Commission.
7. Parties were notified, pursuant to which PIO, Shri. Anisha Kalkoor appeared and filed his reply on 01/04/2021, he also placed on record the reply of FAA on the same day. PIO submitted that he is ready and willing to give inspection of records however being the information sought is voluminous and same is available at Pernem Division, he requested to fixed the joint inspection in the office of PIO at Pernem, Goa.

The Commission directed the Appellant to attend the office of PIO at Pernem, Goa to inspect the file and indicate the required documents to obtain Xerox copy of the same and joint mutual inspection was fixed on 22/04/2021.

8. On next date of hearing on 12/07/2021, Appellant submitted that due to Covid-19 Pandemic, they could not carry out the joint inspection of records and as such fresh inspection was allowed.
9. During the course of hearing on 26/11/2021, the PIO furnished information on point No. 21,22,23,24 and 25 to the Appellant. Appellant scrutinised the information provided by the PIO and submitted that he has received the information from the PIO and he is satisfied with the information.

The Appellant also endorsed on appeal memo "Received". As the requested information has been furnished, no intervention of Commission is warranted. Accordingly the matter is disposed off.

- Proceeding closed.
- Pronounced in open court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-
(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner