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Appeal No. 125/2022/SCIC

Shri. Milagres De Souza,
H.No. 4/144 B, Emelia Apartments,
Tabra Vaddo, Saligao,
Bardez-Goa 403511.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Block Development Officer-I,
First Appellate Authority,
Bardez, Mapusa-Goa.

2. The Public Information Officer/ Secretary,
The Village Panchayat of Saligao,
Saligao, Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 09/05/2022

Decided on: 26/08/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Milagres De Souza, r/o. H.No. 4/144 B, Emelia Apartments, Tabra Vaddo, Saligao, Bardez-Goa by his application dated 27/10/2021 filed under sec 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought certain information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), the Village Panchayat Saligao, Bardez-Goa.
2. Since the said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated time, deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant preferred first appeal before the Block Development Officer at Mapusa Bardez-Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA by its order dated 16/02/2022 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to provide information free of cost to the Appellant within 15 days.
4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA, Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under section 19(3) of the Act.

5. Notice was issued to the parties, pursuant to which representative of FAA, Shri. Chetan Salgaonkar appeared on 23/06/2022, however, opted not to file any reply in the matter. The PIO, Ms. Pravisha Bhonsle appeared and filed her reply on 26/07/2022 and also furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant and submitted that she has already furnished the information to the Appellant by registered A/D and she also produced on record the copy of acknowledgment from Department of Posts. However the Appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO, particularly with regards to information at point No. 3 of his RTI application. The Commission therefore directed the PIO to provide the information at point No. 3 on next date of hearing and matter was fixed for compliance on 26/08/2022.
6. During the course of hearing today i.e 26/08/2022 the PIO, Ms. Bhonsle appeared and furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant. The Appellant has scrutinised the information provided by the PIO and submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. The Appellant also endorsed on appeal memo that "I don't want to proceed with the matter, so I want to close the matter."

In view of endorsement made by the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.

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

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner