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Appeal No. 141/2022/SCIC

Mr. Felix Ferrao,
C/o. Institute Ferrao, Above National Pharmacy,
Near Railway Station,
Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa 403802.Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Office of the Deputy Collector / SDO,
Mormugao Taluka,
Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa.

2. Surendra F. Naik,
Additional Collector, & Appellate Authority,
South Goa District,
Margao-Goa.Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 30/05/2022

Decided on: 07/09/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Mr. Felix Ferrao, C/o. Institute Ferrao, Above National Pharmacy, Near Railway Station, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa by his application dated 11/10/2021 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), Office of the Deputy Collector & SDO, Mormugao, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa.
2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 08/11/2021 informing the Appellant that file bearing No. 15/5/PROMUL/2009/1330 is not traceable.
3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal before the Additional Collector-I, South Goa at Margao-Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

4. The FAA by its order dated 04/04/2022 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to provide the information to the Appellant free of cost within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the order.
5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA dated 04/04/2022, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act.
6. Notice was issued to the parties, pursuant to which representative of the PIO, Shri. Nilesh Salgaonkar , Awal Karkun from the office of Deputy Collector, Mormugao Goa appeared on 06/07/2022 and placed on record the reply of the PIO and submitted that the PIO has traced the file and accordingly furnished the information to the Appellant vide letter No. 3/2/RTI/2022/1849 dated 24/06/2022 and dispatched it by Registered post. In order to confirm the fact, the Commission directed the representative of the PIO to place on record AD card alongwith covering letter on next date of hearing and matter was fixed for arguments on 05/08/2022.
7. During the course of hearing on 05/08/2022, the representative of the PIO, Shri. Nilesh Salgaonkar appeared and placed on record the copy of acknowledgment received from the Department of Posts with the endorsement of the Appellant.
8. Despite of the valid service of notice, the Appellant opted not to appear for the hearings on 06/07/2022, 05/08/2022 and 07/09/2022. I therefore presume that the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and he does not have any grievance against the PIO.
9. In the light of above facts, the matter is disposed off. Proceeding closed. Pronounced in Open Court. Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner