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Appeal No. 159/2022/SCIC

Adv. Deepak V. Naik, Off No. B-111, First Floor, Radha Enclave Bldg, Above Raymond Showroom, Margao-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

 The Public Information Officer, Deputy Collector & SDO, Office of the Deputy Collector and S.D.M. Sanguem-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority, Office of the Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officer, Sanguem-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 13/06/2022 Decided on: 30/08/2022

ORDER

- The Appellant, Adv. Deepak V. Naik, Off. No. B-111, First Floor, Radha Enclave Bldg., Above Raymond Showroom, Margao-Goa by his application dated 21/02/2022 filed under Sec 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought following information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Deputy Collector & SDO, Sanguem-Goa.
- 2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 14/03/2022 in following manner:-

"With reference to your RTI application dated 21/02/2022 pertaining to the partition matter under case No. A2/LRC/PART/SAN/RIV/130/2014, on the aforesaid subject, I am to inform you that to visit this office on any working days during morning session and verify the documents which you have mentioned in your RTI application, the same you can take the certified copy of said document after payment of necessary fees."

- 3. According to the Appellant, upon receipt of intimation he inspected the file and demanded for the copy of relevant documents, however, the concerned staff of the PIO informed the Appellant that the cost of one page of information will be Rs. 50/-, for which the Appellant did not agree.
- Aggrieved and not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal before the Deputy Collector & SDO, Sanguem Goa on 23/04/2022 being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
- 5. Since the FAA failed and neglected to hear the first appeal within stipulated time, 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 the incumbent PIO, Asvin Chandru appeared and submitted that he has recently taken charge as a designated PIO and he is ready and willing to furnish the information to the Appellant. Accordingly, the Commission fixed the inspection of the file on 25/08/2022 at 10:30 am in the office of the PIO at Sanguem-Goa directing the Appellant to carry out the inspection and identify the required documents. And matter was fixed for compliance on 30/08/2022.
- 7. During the course of hearing today i.e 30/08/2022, the representative of the PIO, Shr. Viraj Malkarne (APIO) appeared and furnished bunch of documents to Adv. Farnaz Sha, who is appearing for the Appellant. Adv. Farnaz Sha has scrutinised the information provided by the APIO and submitted that she is

satisfied with the information provided by the APIO. Adv. F. Sha also endorsed on appeal memo that" Received information and accordingly order may be passed." In view of endorsement made by the Adv. F. Sha, the matter is disposed off.

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

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar) State Chief Information Commissioner