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Appeal No. 01/2022/SCIC

Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, H.No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa. 403507.

.....Appellant

V/S

- 1. The Public Information Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa. 403507.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority, The Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa. 403507.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 03/01/2022 Decided on: 22/09/2022

## **ORDER**

- 1. The Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, H. No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa, by his application dated 13/09/2021, 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) of Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa.
- 2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 07/10/2021, informing the Appellant that, information sought for is exempted under section 8(3) of the Act.
- 3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
- 4. The FAA by its order allowed the first appeal on 22/12/2021 and directed the PIO to furnish the information free of cost to the Appellant within 15 days.

- 5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under section 19(3) of the Act.
- 6. Notice was issued to parties, pursuant to which Adv. Pallavi S. Dicholker appeared on behalf of FAA on 06/07/2022 and placed on record the reply of the FAA and submitted that the FAA had heard the matter and directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant.

Meanwhile, the PIO, Shri. Abhay Rane appeared on 15/09/2022 and submitted that he has furnished all the information to the Appellant on 22/08/2022 and produced on record the copy of acknowledgement of the Appellant to support his claim.

- 7. Inspite of fair opportunities, the Appellant did not remain present for hearing on 15/06/2022, 06/07/2022, 05/08/2022, 15/09/2022 and 22/09/2022 and rebutted the contention of the Respondents.
- 8. As the information sought was furnished to the Appellant, which is evident from the acknowledgement of the Appellant dated 22/08/2022, I presume that the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. Consequently the appeal stands disposed.
  - Proceedings closed.
  - Pronounced in the open court.
  - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner