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Appeal No. 03/2022/SCIC

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

.....Appellant

V/S

1. Public Information Officer,
The Secretary,
Village Panchayat Camurlim,
Camurlim, Bardez-Goa.

2. First Appellate Authority,
The Block Development Officer-I,
Office of Government Complex,
Morod, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.403507.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 03/01/2022

Decided on: 26/04/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, H. No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa, by his application dated 15/09/2021, filed under sec 6(1) of Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought certain information from the Public Information Officer (PIO) , the Secretary, Village Panchayat Camurlim, Bardez-Goa.
2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 08/10/2021 and furnished the information with regards to point No. 1 and 2 and information on point No. 3,4,5 and 6 was denied being not available.
3. Dissatisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Block Development Officer-I, Bardez, Mapusa Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. The FAA by its order dated 30/11/2021 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to make thorough search of records and furnish the information to the Appellant within 15 days.

5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of FAA, the Appellant landed before the Commission with this second appeal under section 19(3) of the Act.
6. Notice was issued to the parties, pursuant to which the present PIO, Chetan Shirodkar appeared and filed his reply on 25/03/2022 alongwith bunch of documents, representative of FAA, Shri. Umesh Shetgaonkar appeared and placed on record the reply of the FAA on 25/03/2022.
7. The PIO, through his reply submitted that he has recently joined in the office of Village Panchayat Camurlim, Bardez Goa and he was not aware about the proceeding before the FAA. Only after receiving the notice of the second appeal, he made several efforts to trace the file and locate the information and the same is furnished to the Appellant. The Commission directed the Appellant to scrutinise the documents and matter was posted for clarification/rejoinder on 26/04/2022.
8. During the course of hearing on 26/04/2022, the Appellant submitted that he has received all the information and that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. It was also submitted that he does not want to proceed with the matter and made endorsement on the appeal memo that "Since I received the information, I do not wish to proceed in the matter."
9. In view of endorsement made by the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner