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**Appeal No. 157/2021/SCIC**

Shri. Nazareth Baretto,  
H.No. 126, Borda,  
Margao, Salcete-Goa. 403602.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,  
Block Development Officer,  
Salcete Block,  
Through Village Panchayat of Rumdamol-Davorlim,  
P.O. Navelim,  
Salcete-Goa. 403602.

2. The Public Information Officer,  
Office of the Village Panchayat of Rumdamol-Davorlim,  
P.O. Navelim,  
Salcete-Goa. 403602.

.....Respondents

**Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar**

State Chief Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 23/07/2021**

**Decided on: 06/01/2022**

**ORDER**

1. The Appellant, Nazareth Baretto, H.No. 126, Borda, Margao, Salcete-Goa, by his application dated 07/12/2020 filed under sec 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought information on 9 points from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Block Development Office at Margao Goa.
2. The Block Development Officer of Margao Goa, has transferred the said application on 04/01/2021 to Public Information Officer / the Secretary of Village Panchayat Rumdamol-Davorlim under sec 6(3) of the Act.
3. The Respondent No. 2, Secretary of Village Panchayat Rumdamol-Davorlim responded on 02/02/2021 and provided part

information and information on point No. 2, 4 and 7 was denied being not available in Panchayat records.

4. Not satisfied with the reply of the Respondent No. 2, the Appellant preferred first appeal before Deputy Director of Panchayat, South Goa at Margao.
5. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) by its order dated 12/04/2021 allowed the said appeal and directed the Respondent No. 2 to provide the information free of cost to the Appellant within 3 days from the receipt of the order.
6. Being aggrieved by the non-furnishing of the information by PIO, inspite of the order of FAA, the Appellant landed before the Commission under sec 19(3) of the Act.
7. Notices were issued, pursuant to which representative of Respondent No. 1 appeared and filed reply on 03/09/2021. Adv. Ashutosh Da Silva appeared on behalf of Respondent No. 2 and submitted that he does not want to file any reply in the matter and matter was posted for argument.
8. During the course of arguments on 15/11/2021, the Commission suggested for joint inspection of file to settle the matter amicably and with the consent of both the parties matter was fixed for joint inspection in the office of Respondent No. 2, V.P. Secretary, Rumdamol-Davorlim, Salcete Goa on 07/12/2021 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. However the Respondent was allotted the election duty and therefore, she could not remain present and matter was deferred till next date of hearing.
9. During the course of hearing on 22/12/2021, the Commission directed the Respondent No. 2 to appear in person alongwith available information.

10. Accordingly today on 06/01/2022, Appellant was present alongwith his counsel Adv. N. Mayekar, PIO appeared alongwith her counsel Adv. A. Da Silva and upon clarification by the Advocate for the Respondent No. 2, Appellant was satisfied with the reply and on the consent of both the parties matter was settled amicably as purported information was furnished to the Appellant.

- Accordingly the matter is disposed off.
- Proceeding closed.
- Pronounced in Open Court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-

**(Vishwas R. Satarkar)**

State Chief Information Commissioner