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Appeal No. 161/2021/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 said application was transferred by Respondent No. 1 to another PIO i.e the Secretary, Village Panchayat Rumdamol-Davorlim, Salcete Goa under sec 6(3) of the Act.
3. The Respondent No. 2, the Secretary of Village Panchayat Rumdamol-Davorlim by his reply dated 23/01/2021, requested the Appellant to collect the information by paying necessary fees.

4. Not satisfied with the reply of the Respondent No. 2, 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 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. However, since the Respondent No. 2 failed to comply the order of FAA, Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under sec 19(3) of the Act.
7. Notices were issued to the parties, 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 arguments.
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 since the Respondent was busy with the election duty, 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 Advocate

for the Respondent No. 2, Appellant was satisfied with the reply and upon 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