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Appeal No. 17/2021/SCIC

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

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer, M.E-II, Mr. Vyankatesh Sawant, 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: 25/01/2021 Decided on: 11/07/2022

<u>ORDER</u>

- The Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, H. No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa, by his application dated 01/10/2020, 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) of Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa.
- 2. Since the said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated time deeming the same as refusal, he filed first appeal before the Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
- 3. The FAA by its order dated 04/12/2020 allowed the said appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the relevant information to the Appellant within 15 days.

- 4. Since the PIO failed to comply the order of the FAA and furnished the information, the Appellant landed before the Commission with this second appeal under section 19(3) of the Act.
- 5. Parties were notified, pursuant to which PIO, Shri. Vyankatesh Sawant appeared and filed his reply on 29/11/2020 and submitted that by letter No. ENGG/RTI/7983/2021 dated 26/11/2021 he furnished all the information to the Appellant and the same was received by the Appellant and also placed on record the letter dated 26/11/2021 with the postal acknowledgement by the Appellant and matter was posted for arguments/clarification.
- 6. During the course of arguments today, the incumbent PIO, Abhay Rane appeared and pointed out that available information has been furnished to the Appellant by then PIO, Shri. Vyankatesh Sawant. The Appellant also admitted that he received the purported information and made endorsement on appeal memo that "I received the information in view of which I am not pressing for penal action and matter be disposed accordingly."
- 7. In view of endorsement made by the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceedings closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner