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Appeal No. 209/2021/SCIC

Shri. Gauresh Bablo Naik,
H.No. 133 (2), Nachnolwada,
Advalpal Post, Assonora-Goa. 403503.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Shri. Dattatray G. Parab,
Awal Karkun, Office of Mamlatdar,
Bicholim-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Shri. Pravinjay G. Pandit,
Mamlatdar Bicholim Taluka,
Bicholim Goa.

3. Shri. Raghoba S. Shetye,
Devasthan Clerk/ LDC,
Mamlatdar Office, Bicholim-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 23/08/2021

Decided on: 07/03/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Gauresh Bablo Naik, H.No. 133 (2), Nachnolwada, Advalpal Post, Assonora-Goa, by his application dated 18/05/2021, 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), Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka at Bicholim-Goa.
2. The PIO by letter No. 1/05/MAM/RTI/102/2021 dated 15/06/2021 declined the request with the reason that information pertaining to Devasthan does not come within the ambit of RTI Act.
3. Aggrieved with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal under section 19(1) of the Act, before the Mamlatdar of Bicholim being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. The FAA by its order dated 27/07/2021 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant free of cost within 5 days.

5. Since the PIO failed to comply with the order and did not furnish the information, the Appellant landed before the Commission by this second appeal under section 19(3) of the Act.
6. Notice was issued to the parties, pursuant to which PIO Mr. Dattatray Parab appeared and filed his reply on 08/12/2021, representative of FAA, Shri. Raghoba Shetye appeared but opted not to file any reply in the matter.
7. During the course of hearing today i.e on 01/03/2022, the PIO Shri. Dattatray Parab appeared and submitted that he has already complied with the order of FAA and furnished all the information to the Appellant on 15/11/2021 and produced on record the copy of letter dated 15/11/2021 having acknowledgement of the Appellant.
8. On perusal of the said letter, it reveals that the PIO has furnished the copy of comments received from the Managing Committee of Shree Saunstan Vetel Nanchinolkar, Advalpal, Goa dated 01/01/2021, which was the main grievance of the Appellant.
9. It is pertinent to note that the Appellant, after receiving the information has remained absent on all subsequent hearings i.e on 08/12/2021, 19/01/2022, 01/03/2022 and 07/03/2022, I therefore presume and hold that, the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO.
10. In view of acknowledgement of the Appellant dated 15/11/2021 produced by the PIO, the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceedings closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner