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Appeal No. 261/2021/SCIC

Prakash Bhandari,
H.No. 281/4, Velgulem,
Curtorim, Salcete-Goa. 403607.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Office of Town and Country Planning Department,
Salcete, Margao-Goa. 403601

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Senior Town Planner,
Office of Town and Country Planning Department,
South Goa, Margao-Goa. 403601

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 14/10/2021

Decided on: 01/03/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Prakash Bhandari, H.No. 281/4, Velgulem, Curtorim, Salcete-Goa, by his application dated 15/02/2021, 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) of South Goa Planning and Development Authority, Margao Goa.
2. As the said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated period, deeming the same as refusal, he filed first appeal before the Senior Town Planner, Margao Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA by its order dated 02/08/2021 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to locate the concerned file from the office records and to provide the information to the Appellant within 8 days.
4. Since the PIO failed to comply the order of FAA, the Appellant landed before the Commission in this second appeal under section 19(3) of the Act.

5. Notice was issued to the parties, pursuant to which PIO of Town and Country Planning Department, Margao Goa, Mr. Vinodkumar Chandra appeared and filed his reply on 28/01/2022 and submitted that he is ready and willing to furnish the information, however the RTI application of the Appellant is vague and not specific, therefore he is unable to locate the relevant file on the basis of survey number provided by the Appellant. The Commission directed for a joint inspection of file and the same was fixed on 23/02/2022 at 3:30 pm in the office of PIO at Margao Goa.
6. During the course of hearing today i.e on 01/03/2022, the PIO appeared and submitted that as per the direction of the Commission joint inspection was held on 23/02/2022 of the file No. TPM/Const/Curtorim/445/25/02 in the office of PIO at Margao, Goa and information was identified during the inspection and the same has been furnished to the Appellant on 28/02/2022. He also produced on record the copy of letter dated 28/02/2022 with the endorsement by the Appellant "Received information as requested by Me."
7. In spite of the opportunity, the Appellant did not appear for the hearing. In view of the endorsement, I presume that Appellant is satisfied with the information furnished to him and the matter is accordingly disposed off.
 - Proceedings closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner