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Appeal No. 265/2022/SCIC

Omkar N. Manjrekar,
H.No. 121/2/1, Samarth Vihar,
Mini Satellite Township,
Colvale Housing Board,
Colvale, Bardez-Goa 403513.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Office of North Goa Collector,
Panaji-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Additional Collector-I,
Collectorate North Goa,
Panaji-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 17/10/2022

Decided on: 07/12/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Omkar N. Manjrekar r/o. H.No. 121/2/1, Samarth Vihar, Mini Satellite Township, Colvale, Bardez-Goa by his application dated 25/01/2022 filed under sec 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought certain information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Office of North Goa Collectorate at Panaji-Goa.
2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 18/02/2022 in the following manner:-

"I am to refer to your RTI application dated 25/01/2022 and to inform that information sought under point No. 1 & 2 cannot be provided under Section 8(1)(i) and 8(1)(j) of RTI Act, 2005.

As regards to Point No. 3, information may be collected on any working day with prior intimation to this office.

The First Appellate Authority is Additional Collector-I, Collectorate Building, North Goa District, Paanji-Goa."

3. Being aggrieved and not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal on 02/03/2022 before the Additional Collectorate-I, North Goa District at Panaji Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. According to the Appellant, the FAA by its order dated 07/04/2022 partly allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information with regards to information at point No. 3.
5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA, the Appellant landed before the Commission with this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act.
6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, PIO, Smt. Netra Arlekar appeared on 05/12/2022 and submitted that she is ready and willing to furnish the information as directed by the FAA. Therefore the Commission directed the PIO to furnish the information on next date of hearing and the matter posted for compliance on 07/12/2022.
7. Today, i.e. on 07/12/2022, the PIO, Smt. Netra Arlekar appeared and furnished the information to the Appellant. The Appellant scrutinised the document and submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. He also made endorsement on appeal memo that "Received information with respect to point No. 3."

Since the purported information has been furnished free of cost to the Appellant. Nothing survived. Accordingly the matter is disposed off.

- Proceeding closed.
- Pronounced in the open court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner