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Appeal No. 305/2021/SCIC

Leslie Dias,
H.No. T-34/C,
Tuant Waddo, Reis Magos,
Bardez-Goa. 403114.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Deputy Collector & SDO Mapusa,
Bardez-Goa.

2. The Public Information officer,
Office of the Deputy Collector & SDO Mapusa,
Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 24/12/2021

Decided on: 25/04/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Mr. Leslie Dias, r/o. H.No. T-34/C, Tuant Waddo, Reis Magos, Bardez-Goa by his application dated 22/09/2021 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 the Deputy Collector & SDO, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

2. The said application was responded by PIO on 21/10/2021 in the following manner:-

"With reference to your application dated 22/09/2021 inwards in this office on 23/10/2021. It is to inform you that the file is not traceable."

3. Dissatisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Deputy Collector of Mapusa under section 19(1) of the Act being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

4. Since the FAA failed and neglected to hear the first appeal within stipulated period, the Appellant preferred this second appeal

before the Commission under sec 19(3) of the Act, with prayer to direct the PIO to furnish the information and to impose penalty on PIO and to recommend disciplinary action against the Respondents.

5. Notice was issued to the parties, pursuant to which the PIO, Shri. Keshav Bhagat and FAA, Shri Gurudas Desai, Deputy Collector of Bardez, Mapusa Goa appeared on 06/04/2022.

The PIO submitted that, originally the file was not traceable, however after several attempts file has been traced out and Appellant may collect the information from the office of PIO during working hours.

Accordingly the Commission directed the Appellant to collect the information from the office of PIO at Mapusa Goa and matter was fixed for compliance on 25/04/2022.

6. During the course of hearing on 25/04/2022, the PIO, Shri. Keshav Bhagat appeared and submitted that he has furnished all the information to the Appellant free of cost. The Appellant also confirmed that, he has received the purported information and that he is satisfied with the information provided. It was submitted that he does not want to proceed with the matter and made endorsement on the appeal memo that "Since I received the information, I do not want to proceed with the matter."
7. In view of endorsement made by the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.

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

Sd/-
(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner