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Appeal No. 35/2022/SCIC

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

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
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: 01/02/2022

Decided on: 22/09/2022

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, H. No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa, by his application dated 22/09/2021, 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 Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa.
2. The said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated time, deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa Goa on 27/10/2021 being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA by its order allowed the first appeal and by order dated 29/12/2021 directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant free of cost, within 20 days.
4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA dated 29/12/2021, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under section 19(3) of the Act.

5. Notice was issued to parties, pursuant to which the then PIO, Shri. Vyankatesh Sawant appeared and filed his reply on 29/04/2022 and submitted that he is no more the designated PIO of Mapusa Municipal Council and now he is transferred to Corporation of the City of Panaji at Panaji-Goa. Adv. Pallavi Dicholkar appeared on behalf of FAA on 06/07/2022 and placed on record the reply of the FAA and submitted that the FAA had heard the matter and directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant.
6. Meanwhile the PIO, Shri. Prashant Narvekar filed his Compliance Report through entry registry on 30/08/2022 alongwith details of information.
7. During the course of hearing on 15/09/2022, the APIO, Shri. Rajendra Bhagkar appeared and submitted that the PIO has furnished all the information to the Appellant on 05/08/2022 and produced on record the reply dated 05/08/2022 and copy of acknowledgment receipt of the Appellant to support his claim.
8. In spite of ample opportunities, the Appellant did not remain present for hearing on 15/06/2022, 06/07/2022, 05/08/2022, 15/09/2022 and 22/09/2022 and rebutted the contention of the Respondents.
9. Since the information sought was furnished to the Appellant, which is evident from the acknowledgement of the Appellant dated 05/08/2022. I presume that the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. Accordingly the appeal stands disposed.
 - Proceedings closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner