GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Shri. Sanjay N. Dhavalikar, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 158/2022/SIC

Shri. Rajendra S. Arlekar, R/o. H.No. 510/A. Malim, Penha De Franca, Betim, Bardez-Goa 403101.

-----Appellant

v/s

1. The Public Information Officer & Administrator of Communidades, North Zone, Mapusa-Goa.

2. The Additional Collector-III & First Appellate Authority, North Goa District, Mapusa-Goa.

----Respondents

Relevant dates emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on : 27/12/2021
RTI application transferred on : 17/01/2022
PIO replied on : 05/04/2022
First appeal filed on : 19/04/2022
First Appellate Authority passed order on : 11/05/2022
Second appeal received on : 06/06/2022
Decided on : 26/09/2022

ORDER

- 1. The appellant vide application dated 27/12/2021 filed under Section 6 (1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Act') had sought certain information from the Public Information Officer, Collector of North Goa, Panaji-Goa. The said application was transferred to Respondent No. 1, Public Information Officer (PIO). Aggrieved by the reply of PIO, appellant filed appeal before the Respondent No. 2, First Appellate Authority (FAA). FAA vide disposing the appeal directed PIO to furnish complete information to the appellant free of cost. However, appellant filed second appeal before the Commission stating that the complete information is not furnished to him by the PIO.
- 2. Notice was issued to the concerned parties, pursuant to which appellant appeared alongwith Advocate Avinash Nasnodkar. Advocate Sanjeev Sawant appeared on behalf of Respondent No. 1.
- 3. Appellant stated that, he had requested for certified copies of all the documents /papers in the file bearing no. 1-30-2010-ACNZ. FAA had directed PIO to furnish the complete information, yet PIO has not

complied with this direction. By stating this, appellant prayed for complete information from PIO.

- 4. Upon perusal of the records it is seen that, PIO vide reply dated 05/04/2022 sent to the appellant had stated that, the said file belonging to Communidade of Pilerne is now available in his office and the appellant is requested to inspect the said file on any working day. The records of this matter indicate that the appellant visited PIO's office on 11/04/2022 and requested PIO to furnish certain documents as mentioned in the letter dated 11/04/2022 issued by the appellant to the PIO. PIO vide letter dated 24/05/2022 furnished the information as mentioned by the appellant in the letter dated 11/04/2022.
- 5. Hence, the Commission finds that the PIO had furnished the information identified by the appellant after the inspection and has also complied with the directions of the FAA.
- 6. Thus, the Commission concludes that, the information was furnished to the appellant before filing the second appeal. The present appeal therefore is disposed as dismissed and proceeding stands closed.

Pronounced in the open court.

Notify the parties.

Authenticated copies of the order should be given to the parties free of cost.

Aggrieved party if any, may move against this order by way of a Writ Petition, as no further appeal is provided against this order under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sd/-**Sanjay N. Dhavalikar**State Information Commissioner
Goa State Information Commission
Panaji - Goa