

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Shri. Sanjay N. Dhavalikar, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 256/2021/SIC

Shri. Jawaharlal T Shetye,
H.N. 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

Relevant dates emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on	: 15/06/2021
PIO replied on	: Nil
First appeal filed on	: 16/07/2021
First Appellate Authority order passed on	: Nil
Second appeal received on	: 14/10/2021
Decided on	: 27/10/2022

ORDER

1. Aggrieved by non receipt of information and non hearing of first appeal, appellant under Section 19 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Act') filed second appeal against Respondent No. 1, Public Information Officer (PIO) and Respondent No. 2, First Appellate Authority (FAA), which came before the Commission on 14/10/2021.
2. It is the contention of the appellant that, vide application dated 15/06/2021 he had sought certain information. Upon not receiving any reply from PIO he filed appeal before the FAA, which was not heard by the authority within the mandatory period. Hence, he approached the Commission by way of second appeal.
3. Notice was issued, pursuant to which appellant and PIO appeared in person, whereas, FAA was represented by his authorised representative. PIO filed submission dated 24/11/2021, 29/11/2021, 09/12/2021 and compliance report on 30/08/2022.
4. It is seen that Shri. Vyankatesh Sawant, PIO, Technical Section collected the appeal memo, however, the subject matter was

pertaining to the Accounts Taxation section, hence Shri. Sawant handed over the matter to Smt. Smita Fal Desai, Acting PIO, Accounts Taxation Officer. Later, Smt. Smita Fal Desai handed over the matter to Smt. Seema Velip, upon her posting as Accounts Taxation Officer. PIO Smt. Seema Velip upon her transfer, delivered the matter to the new PIO Shri. Abhay Rane.

5. During the hearing on 08/09/2022, Shri. Abhay Rane, PIO, Accounts Taxation Section stated that, he has furnished the remaining information to the appellant and has filed compliance report alongwith acknowledgment from the appellant. Later, on 28/09/2022 appellant appeared before the Commission and stated that he has received the information and he is satisfied with the same.
6. In the background of the facts mentioned above, the Commission finds that, the information has been furnished and the appellant has acknowledged the receipt of the same. Hence, the prayer for information becomes infructuous and nothing more remains to be decided in the present matter.
7. Thus, the present appeal is disposed accordingly and the 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

