

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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**Shri. Sanjay N. Dhavalikar**, State Information Commissioner

**Appeal No. 258/2021/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	: 18/06/2021
PIO replied on	: Nil
First appeal filed on	: 20/07/2021
First Appellate Authority order passed on	: Nil
Second appeal received on	: 14/10/2021
Decided on	: 31/10/2022

**ORDER**

1. Aggrieved by non receipt of information and non hearing of first appeal, the 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 18/06/2021 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 and FAA was represented by his authorised representative. PIO filed compliance report on 30/08/2022. Ms. Pallavi Dicholker filed reply on behalf of the FAA on 09/08/2022.
4. It is seen that, Shri. Vyankatesh Sawant, the then PIO, Technical Section collected the appeal memo, however, since the matter was

pertaining to the Accounts Taxation Section, he handed over the appeal memo to the concerned section. Later, Shri. Abhay Rane, PIO, Accounts Taxation Section appeared on 04/07/2022 and undertook to furnish the information.

5. During the hearing on 08/09/2022, Shri. Abhay Rane, PIO, Accounts Taxation Section stated that, he has furnished the information to the appellant and the appellant has acknowledged the receipt of the information on 18/08/2022. The Commission observes that the appellant has acknowledged the receipt of the information with his signature on acknowledgment note furnished before the Commission by the PIO alongwith the compliance report on 30/08/2022.
6. During the hearing on 29/09/2022, appellant appeared in person and stated that he has received the information and he requests for the disposal of the appeal.
7. 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.
8. 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  
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