

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Penalty No. 06/2021

in

Appeal No. 345/2019/SIC-II

Shri Nixon L. Furtado,
H.No. 51, Copelwado,
Senabatim, Salcete-Goa. 403708

.....Appellant

V/S

1. Public Information Officer,
Office of Village Panchayat of Colva,
Salcete-Goa. 403708

2. First Appellate Authority,
O/o. Block Development Officer,
Margao, Salcete-Goa. 403602

.....Respondents

Shri Vishwas Satarkar - State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on:- 03/09/2021

Decided on: 02/06/2022

ORDER

1. While disposing the above referred appeal No. 345/2019/SIC-II, by order dated 04/08/2021, the Commission had directed the Public Information Officer (PIO) to furnish the information free of cost to the Appellant within the period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the order and also show cause as to why the penalty should not be imposed on him in terms of section 20(1) and / or section 20(2) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
2. The PIO, Shri. Amol Tilve, the Secretary of Village Panchayat Colva, Salcete Goa appeared on 27/09/2021 and subsequently filed his reply alongwith the bunch of documents on 16/11/2021 duly furnishing copy to otherside and matter fixed for clarification on 10/12/2021.
3. After scrutinising the documents furnished by the PIO, the representative of the Appellant, Shri. Nevil Furtado submitted that,

he is not satisfied with the information, especially the information at point No. 4. The Commission directed the PIO to clarify the queries raised by the Appellant.

4. That during the course of hearing on 29/04/2022, the PIO appeared and submitted that he has furnished all the left out information to the Appellant and produced one letter dated 28/04/2022 on record. The representative of Appellant after scrutinising the information submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and stressed upon the penalty on PIO for the delay caused in furnishing the information.
5. The PIO submitted that due to ongoing Pandemic situation of COVID-19 there was delay in furnishing the information as the information sought was bulky and voluminous and he expressed his remorse for the delay in furnishing the information.
6. Considering the Pandemic situation and in view of the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 08/03/2021 in the case **Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3/2020** and subsequent extension of Order dated 23/09/2021, the delay in the proceeding at all level are condoned.
7. In the light of above fact and circumstances and considering that entire information has been furnished by the PIO to the Appellant free of cost, the show cause notice dated 09/08/2021 issued in the penalty proceeding is dropped.
 - Proceedings closed.
 - Pronounced in open court.
 - Notify the parties.

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(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner