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Penalty No. 01/2022 in Appeal No. 111/2021/SCIC

Mr. Colin Araujo, H.No. 245, Near Canara Bank, Fatorda, Margao-Goa. 403602.

.....Appellant

V/S

The Public Information Officer, Village Panchayat Colva, Colva-Salcete-Goa.

.....Respondent

Shri Vishwas Satarkar - State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 15/03/2022 Decided on: 18/05/2022

ORDER

- 1. While disposing the above referred appeal No. 111/2021/SCIC by order dated 10/01/2022, the Commission had directed the PIO to show cause as to why the penalty should not be imposed on him in terms of Section 20(1) and/or recommend disciplinary proceeding against him in terms of Section 20(2) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act').
- 2. The PIO, Shri. Amol Tilve, Secretary of Village Panchayat Colva, Salcete Goa appeared on 15/03/2022 and filed his reply in the proceeding, however the Commission directed the PIO to file the affidavit to substantiate his case.
- 3. That during the course of hearing on 28/04/2022, the PIO appeared and filed his affidavit stating that he has furnished all left out information to the Appellant by Registered Post on 03/03/2022, however he did not produce the copy of postal receipt on the record. The Commission therefore directed him to produce on record the copy of postal receipt on the next date of hearing.

- 4. During the course of hearing on 16/05/2022, PIO, Shri. Amol Tilve appeared and placed on record the postal receipt dated 03/03/2022.
- 5. Inspite of valid service of notice, the Appellant did not appear before the Commission for hearing, I therefore presume and hold that the Appellant has no grievance left.
- 6. The PIO also expressed remorse for delay in furnishing the information. Considering the reply and affidavit filed by the PIO, the show cause notice dated 02/02/2022 issued in the penalty proceeding is dropped.
 - Pronounced in open court.
 - Notify the parries.

Sd/(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner