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Appeal No. 353/2023/SCIC

Shri. Parshuram Sonurlekar
 H. No. 188C, Near Jetty Bus Stop No. 2,
 P.O Harbour Mormugao –Goa.

-----Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,
 Sanjay Centre for Special Education Goa,
 Pundalik Nagar, Bardez, Taluka,
 North Goa District, Near Police Station,
 Porvorim-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority
 Sanjay Centre for Special Education Goa,
 Second Floor, Pundalik Nagar, Bardez, Taluka,
 North Goa District, Near Police Station,
 Porvorim-Goa

..... Respondents

Shri. ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR-State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	- 13-06-2023
PIO replied on	- 13-07-2023
First Appeal filed on	- 05-08-2023
First Appellate order on	- 27-09-2023
Second appeal received on	- 03-10-2023
Decision of the Second Appeal on	- 26-03-2025

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

- Shri. Parshuram Sonurlekar filed on RTI application dated 13/06/2023 to the PIO, Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Porvorim, Goa seeking 13 points information pertaining to the Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Porvorim, Goa.
- In response to the RTI application, PIO vide letter dated 13/07/2023 replied as under "*with reference to your letter dated 13.06.2023, the information sought by you is ready. You are kindly requested to pay an amount of Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) @ Rs. 2/- for the aforesaid copies of the information requested by you, in the office of Sanjay*

Centre for Special Education, Pundalik Nagar, Porvorim Goa during office hours from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on any working day and produce the receipt of the same to this office for collecting the required information”.

3. Appellant then filed first appeal dated 05/08/2023 to the First Appellate Authority stating that PIO failed to respond to his RTI application within the prescribed time period and prayed for appropriate action against the Respondent PIO u/s 20 of this RTI Act and to provide a response to his appeal within the stipulated timeframe under RTI Act.
4. FAA (Member Secretary) observed that as per records, the request of the Applicant has been disposed within 30 days and passed an order dated 27/09/2023 stating that the Applicant shall adhere to the instructions of the letter dated 13/07/2023 of the PIO and collect the information.
5. Thereafter, Appellant preferred Second appeal dated 03/10/2023 before the Commission stating that PIO is duty bound to furnish the information to the Appellant within the stipulated timeframe and there was a deliberate attempt to support illegal activities of FAA. Appellant prayed to direct the Respondent PIO to furnish information free of cost as the information was not given within the stipulated timeframe.
6. Pursuant to the second appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 24/11/2023 for which PIO appeared in person and sought time to file reply. None present for Appellant.
7. Appellant and Respondent PIO appeared in person for the hearing on 12/01/2024. Respondent PIO filed reply to the appeal and submitted that she is willing to provide the information. The Commission therefore directed the Appellant to pay the requisite amount and collect the information and Appellant agreed to pay the amount.

8. During the hearing on 29/01/2024, Respondent PIO furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant by collecting requisite amount of fee and submitted that all information sought by the Appellant is furnished to the Appellant, who sought time to verify the documents provided by the Respondent.
9. In the subsequent hearing held on 07/02/2024, Appellant submitted that he is not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and therefore Commission directed the Appellant to file detail rejoinder to that effect.
10. The matter was not heard from March 2024 to September 2024 as the post of SCIC and SIC remained vacant.
11. The appeal was taken up for hearing by the SCIC on 27/01/2025 for which Appellant was absent despite issuing notice for presence, present PIO Shri. Deepak Velip was present and informed that previous PIO Ms. Supriya Raut has been transferred. Commission directed the present PIO to file submission and adjourned the matter to 25/02/2025.
12. During the hearing on 25/02/2025, present PIO submitted that previous PIO had furnished information vide letter dated 25/01/2024 in accordance to the RTI application dated 13/06/2023. Present PIO has filed copy of the information provided to the Appellant by the previous PIO vide letter dated 25/01/2024 for the consideration of the Commission. Giving another opportunity to the Appellant, Commission adjourned the matter for final hearing on 26/03/2025.
13. When the matter took up for final hearing today, i.e. 26/03/2025, Appellant remained absent but present PIO appeared in person and submitted that the Appellant had collected the information by paying an amount of Rs.1276/- on 23/01/2024 and prayed that the present appeal be dismissed.

14. Commission observed that Appellant remained absent for all 4 consecutive hearings held during November 2024 – March 2025 and previous PIO had furnished all information except to two points of which Point No. 3 falls under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act 2005 and the remaining one (Point No. 10) is not covered under section 2 (f) of this RTI Act, 2005.

ORDER

As the Respondent PIO has furnished information to the Appellant vide letter dated 25/01/2024 and Appellant remained absent for all 4 consecutive hearings held in the matter before the SCIC from 07/11/2024 till date, i.e. 26/03/2025, Commission has come to the conclusion that the present Appeal No. 353/2023/SCIC does not warrant further proceedings and hence disposed without any direction to the Respondent PIO.

- Proceedings stand closed.
- Pronounced in open court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR)
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC