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Appeal No. 127/2023/SCIC

Shri. Uday A.C. Priolkar,
H.No. C-5/55,
Mala, Panaji-Goa 403001.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Administrative Officer,
Sanjay School,
Porvorim, Bardez-Goa.

2. First Appellate Authority/ Member Secretary,
Sanjay School,
Porvorim, Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 18/04/2023

Decided on: 21/12/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Uday A.C. Priolkar, r/o. Ho.No. C-5/55, Mala, Panaji-Goa, vide his application dated 18/01/2023 filed under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act'), sought following information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Sanjay School, Porvorim, Bardez-Goa:-

"Kindly furnish me following information mention below.

- 1) Copies of action taken report on complaint filed on 22/11/2022 against Miss Neha Umraskar, Dance Teacher for illegal appointment.*
- 2) Copies of correspondence made to Directorate of Education, Secretary Education, Chief Vigilance Officer/ Chief Secretary, Directorate of Vigilance Altinho, Panaji and correspondence received from respective offices.*

The above information including certified copies may be issued at the earliest."

2. The said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated time deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant filed first appeal on 02/03/2023 before the Member Secretary, Sanjay School, Alto Porvorim, Bardez Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. Since the FAA failed and neglected to hear and dispose the first appeal within stipulated time, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act, with the prayer to direct the PIO to furnish the information free of cost, to impose penalty on the PIO for non-furnishing of the information and to initiate disciplinary action against the PIO.
4. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the Appellant appeared in person on 18/05/2023, The FAA, duly served, opted not to appear in the matter. The PIO, Ms. Supriya S. Raut appeared and sought time to file her reply and on 06/10/2023, the representative of the PIO, Ms. Ana Pereira, appeared and placed on record the reply of the PIO alongwith bunch of documents. Since none appeared for the Appellant, opportunity was granted to the Appellant and matter was fixed for rejoinder/ clarification on 14/11/2023.
5. In the course of hearing on 14/11/2023, the PIO, Ms. Supriya Raut appeared and submitted that all the available information has been provided free of cost to the Appellant on 06/10/2023.
6. On the next date of hearing on 21/12/2023, none appeared for the Appellant. The Commission finds that the available information has been provided free of cost to the Appellant which is accessible to the Appellant, as same is lying in the records of the court proceeding. As the Appellant failed to appear for the hearings on 06/10/2023, 14/11/2023 and 21/12/2023, I find no reason to prolong the matter. Since the available information is already

provided to the Appellant, I dispose the appeal with the liberty to the Appellant to collect the copy of the information from the court file within the period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the order.

- Proceeding closed.
- Pronounced in the open court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner