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Appeal No. 19/2023/SCIC

Sourav Kerkar,
C/o. Casa Dempo,
Near Govt. Printing Press,
Panaji-Goa 403001. .....Appellant

V/S

Village Panchayat Secretary (PIO),
Village Panchayat of St. Lawrence,
Agassaim,Tiswadi-Goa. .....Respondent

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 13/01/2023
Decided on: 17/04/2023

FACTS IN BRIEF

1. The Appellant, Shri. Sourav Kerkar, c/o. Casa Dempo, Near Government Printing Press, Panaji-Goa vide his application dated 06/10/2022 filed under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought certain information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Village Panchayat St. Lawrence, Agassaim, Tiswadi-Goa.

2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 29/11/2022, in the following manner:-

> *"The undersigned is in receipt of the Application under Right to Information Act, 2005 dated 04/10/2022 which is received in the office of St. Lawrence Agassaim on 06/10/2022 under Inward No. 922 sent by you in form of a series of questions.*
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> *The undersigned after going through the said application is of the opinion that the said application is a questionnaire of interrogatory nature and interrogation is not allowed u/s 2(f) and (j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005."*

3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal before the Block Development Officer at Panaji-Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

4. The FAA vide its order dated 04/01/2023 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the complete information to the Appellant within 24 hours.

5. According to the Appellant, while complying the order of the FAA, the PIO furnished him only partial information on 05/01/2023 and hence he landed before the Commission with this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act with the prayer to direct the PIO to furnish complete information.

6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which the Adv. Shriram Polle put his appearance on 08/02/2023 on behalf of the Appellant, the PIO Basilio Peres appeared on 08/02/2023 and submitted that he is ready and willing to furnish the information to the Appellant. The Commission therefore directed the PIO to furnish the point wise reply/ information to the Appellant and matter was adjourned for compliance on 15/02/2023.

7. In the course of hearing on 15/02/2023, the PIO, Basilio Peres appeared and furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant, same is collected by Adv. Polle on behalf of the Appellant and matter was fixed for clarification.

8. During the course of hearing on 17/03/2023, the Adv. Polle raised some queries with regards to information at point No. (b) and (e). The Commission directed the PIO to clarify and furnish the information at point No. (b) and (e) on next date of hearing and matter was posted for further compliance.

9. On 04/04/2023, Adv. Sakharay Naik appeared on behalf of the PIO and furnished the copy of the extract of Resolution passed by

the Panchayat on 30/12/2022, however, Adv. Polle submitted that he is not satisfied with the information at point No. (e). Adv. S. Naik sought time to furnish additional information and matter was posted for compliance on 17/04/2023.

10. Adv. S. Naik appeared on 17/04/2023 and filed his additional reply and furnished the copy of Panchanama dated 04/04/2022 and sketch showing alleged illegal construction to Adv. Polle. Adv. Polle scrutinised the documents furnished by Adv. S. Naik and submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and submitted that he does not want to proceed further with the matter. He also made endorsement on appeal memo that "The appellant does not wish to proceed further in view of reply dated 17/04/2023 filed by the respondent."

11. In view of endorsement made by the Adv. Polle on the appeal memo, the appeal is disposed off.

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

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner