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Appeal No. 119/2023/SCIC

Monica D'Souza,
H.No. 6/223 C, Khobravaddo,
Calangute, Bardez-Goa, 403516.

.....Appellant

V/S

Public Information Officer,
Village Panchayat of Calangute,
Calangute, Bardez-Goa. 403516.

.....Respondent

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 04/04/2023

Decided on: 29/09/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant Ms. Monica D'Souza r/o. H.No. 6/223 C, Khobravaddo, Calangute, Bardez-Goa by her application dated 18/10/2022 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 Calangute, Calangute, Bardez-Goa.
2. Since the said application was not responded by the PIO within the stipulated time, deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Block Development Officer-II, Bardez, Mapusa-Goa, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA vide its order dated 03/02/2023, allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information within 07 days or to file an FIR on account of missing of documents.
4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA dated 03/02/2023, the Appellant landed before the Commission by this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act.
5. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the representative of the Appellant, Shri. Mathew Paulo D' Souza

appeared on 10/05/2023, the PIO, Rajendra Gawas appeared alongwith Adv. S. Verlekar and submitted that information sought by the Appellant is in bad condition as the same is eaten by termites. The Commission therefore directed the PIO to give inspection of the documents as it is available and matter was fixed for compliance on 29/09/2023.

6. In the course of hearing on 29/09/2023, Adv. S. Verlekar appeared and placed on record the reply of the PIO and photocopy of the register which was in damaged condition as it were eaten by the termites. The representative of the Appellant Mr. Mathew D'Souza submitted that he has taken the inspection of the file and that he is satisfied with the reply of the PIO and he does not wish to proceed further in the matter. He also made endorsement on the appeal memo that "I don't want to proceed with the matter."

7. In view of the above endorsement, the appeal is disposed off.

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

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner