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Appeal No. 129/2023/SCIC

Shamir J. Coutinho, H.No. 50, Firguembatt, Vaddy, Merces, Tiswadi-Goa 403005.

.....Appellant

V/S

- 1. The Public Information Officer, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority, Dempo Tower, 4th Floor, Patto-Plaza, Panaji-Goa.
- 2. The First Appellate Authority,
 Office of the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority,
 Dempo Tower, 4th Floor,
 Patto-Plaza, Panaji-Goa.Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 10/04/2023 Decided on: 28/11/2023

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The Appellant, Shamir J. Coutinho r/o. H.No. 50, Firguembatt, Vaddy, Merces, Tiswadi-Goa vide his application dated 17/12/2022 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), Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority, Dempo Tower, Patto, Panaji-Goa.
- 2. The said application was initially responded by the PIO on 19/01/2023 and informed the Appellant that requisite file is under extensive search and at the moment they would lay their hands on the file/information which would be provided on payment of necessary fees.
- 3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Member Secretary, Goa Coastal Zone

Management Authority (GCZMA), Panaji-Goa on 30/01/2023, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

4. Pending the first appeal before the FAA, the PIO vide letter dated 02/03/2023 replied the RTI application in the following manner:-

"With reference to above, subject and your letter dtd 17/12/2022 under reference please find as under:

Sr. No.	Information sought	Reply
1	The execution of the above matter and the report thereof	Enclosed herewith copy of the affidavit dated 12/10/2015 along with annexures.
2	That the amount of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs has been recovered and in what manner, the date on which the same has been recovered and paid by cash or cheque.	No such information available in office record.
3	The demolition report available with you carried out in 65/1-A village Morombi Grande in Merces Panchayat.	As provided in point No "1" above.
4	Inspection of above file pertaining to the court	Documents identified at the time of inspection of files done on 23/02/2023 are enclosed herewith.

Information pertaining to point No. 1 and 3 are hereby given free of cost as directed by the First Appellate Authority / Member Secretary (GZMA) during personal hearing held on 21/02/2023.

The reply/ information as regards to point No. 4 is available with this office which may be collected from this office, on payment of Rs. 380/- (Rupees three hundred eight only)."

- 5. The FAA vide its order dated 16/03/2023 disposed off the first appeal.
- 6. Aggrieved and not satisfied with information provided at point No. 2 by the PIO, 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 at point No. 2.
- 7. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the Appellant appeared alongwith Adv. N. Malik on 18/05/2023, Adv. V. Gracious put her appearance on behalf of the PIO on 26/06/2023 and submitted that she is ready and willing to furnish the information. The Commission therefore directed Adv. V. Gracious to provide the information on next date of hearing and matter was posted for compliance.
- 8. In the course of hearing on 21/08/2023, Adv. V. Gracious appeared and furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant, the Appellant scrutinised the documents provided by Adv. Gracious and submitted that he is not satisfied with the information, as documents provided by the PIO is not properly certified. The Commission therefore directed the PIO to furnish the documents in streamlined manner and matter was posted for compliance.
- 9. During the course of hearing on 28/11/2023, Adv. V. Gracious appeared and furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant and submitted that the information at point No. 2 has been supplied to the Appellant. The Appellant scrutinised the information and submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and that he does not wish to proceed further in the matter. He also made endorsement on the appeal memo that "satisfied with the Information."
- 10. In view of the endorsement made by the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.

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

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