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Appeal No. 135/2023/SCIC

Shri. Augustine Lobo, R/o. T-1, Building B. Kurtarkar Nagar, Fatorda, Margao-Goa 403602.

----Appellant

V/S

- 1. The Member Secretary/ First Appellate Authority, South Goa Planning and Development Authority, Margao, Salcete-Goa 403601.
- 2. The Public Information Officer, South Goa Planning and Development Authority, Margao, Salcete-Goa 403601.

-----Respondents

Shri. Vishwas Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 20/04/2023 Decided on: 24/08/2023

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The Appellant, Shri. Augustine Lobo r/o. T-1, Building B, Kurtarkar Nagar, Fatorda, Margao-Goa vide his application dated 22/12/2022 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), South Goa Planning and Development Authority (SGPDA), Margao-Goa.
- 2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 31/01/2023 through Registered Post in the following manner:-
 - "With reference to your application referred above under Right to Information Act, 2005, your request for information has been considered under Section 7(1) of the Act and I am to inform you the following under Section 3(a).
 - 1. The cost of providing photocopies of information as sought by you is Rs. **150/-** (Rupees one hundred and fifty only) which may please be

- deposited at the earliest and the information collected thereafter.
- 2. The information sought by you which relates to personal information cannot be furnished as per Section 8(1)(j) of RTI Act, 2005."
- 3. Being aggrieved and not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Member Secretary of SGPDA on 06/03/2023, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
- 4. The FAA vide its order upheld the reply of the PIO and dismissed the first appeal on 06/04/2023.
- 5. Aggrieved and dissatisfied with the order of the FAA dated 06/04/2023, 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.
- 6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which the Appellant appeared alongwith Adv. F. Andrade on 19/05/2023, the PIO, Rosario Paulo Gomes appeared alongwith Adv. A.B. Salkar on 19/07/2023 and submitted that he ready and willing to furnish the information to the Appellant, accordingly the Commission directed the PIO to furnish the information on next date of hearing and matter was posted for compliance on 24/08/2023.
- 7. In the course of hearing on 24/08/2023, the PIO appeared alongwith Adv. A.B. Salkar and furnished a bunch of documents to the Appellant. The Appellant scrutinized the documents provided by the PIO and submitted that he is satisfied with the information and he does not wish to proceed further with the matter. The Appellant also made endorsement on the appeal memo that "I have already received the information and satisfied with the same."

- 8. In view of endorsement of 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,