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Appeal No. 157/2023/SCIC

Shri. Dattaram Vithal Chari,
R/o. H.No. 83/C (P3),
Xell, Bastora, Mapusa-Goa 403507.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The First Appellate Authority,
Directorate of Women and Child Development,
Old Education Department Building,
18th June road, Panaji-Goa 403001.

2. Public Information Officer/ Probation Officer,
Directorate of Women and Child Development,
Old Education Department Building,
18th June road, Panaji-Goa 403001.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 16/05/2023

Decided on: 29/09/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant Shri. Dattaram Vithal Chari r/o. H.No. 83/C (P3), Xell, Bastora, Mapusa-Goa by his application dated 09/08/2021 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), Directorate of Women and Child Development, 18th June road, Panaji-Goa:-

"The undersigned, name and address mentioned above kindly request to furnish the following information under RTI Act.

- 1) Names of the Candidates who applied for the post of JJB north Goa members for the interview held on 03-08-2021.*
- 2) Age, qualification, experience of the candidates in the field of working with the children for seven years.*
- 3) The place of their residence.*
- 4) Marks scored by each candidate during the said interview.*

5) *Whether the selection of the board members as social worker is done under Sub Section (3) of Section 4 of JJ Act i.e. health, education, or from welfare activities pertaining to children for at least seven years or practicing professional with a degree in child Psychology, psychiatry, sociology or law.*

If yes specify the category wise names of the candidates.

6) *Names of the members of the selection Committee/panel appointed by the Government with their designation.*

The above information is required for my personal knowledge/ record."

2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 08/09/2021 in the following manner:-

"With reference to your RTI application dated 09/08/2021, the information sought by you at point no. 1 and 6 is ready. You are requested to collect the information on any working day/ time and pay the fees of Rs. 04 (Rupees Four Only) to the Account Section, Directorate of Women & Child Development, Panaji-Goa. As regards the information at point no. 2 to 5 cannot be provide as per section 8(j) of the RTI Act 2005."

3. By paying requisite fee, the Appellant has collected the information at point No. 1 and 6 on 29/11/2022. However, since the PIO failed to provide rest of the information, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Director, Directorate of Women and Child Development, Panaji-Goa, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

4. The FAA vide its order dated 18/01/2023, disposed off the first appeal without granting any relief to the Appellant.

5. Feeling aggrieved and dissatisfied with the order of the FAA dated 18/01/2023, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act, with the prayer to direct the PIO to provide the information.
6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the Appellant appeared in person on 14/06/2023, representative of the PIO, Ms. Danashree Agarwadekar appeared, the PIO filed her reply through entry registry on 09/06/2023.
7. In the course of argument, the incumbent PIO, Smt. Sumedha Belokar appeared and filed her additional reply and furnished the bunch of documents to the Appellant and submitted that as per the oral direction of the Commission on last date of hearing, she furnished the information to the Appellant with regards to point No. 2 and 5.
8. The Appellant scrutinised the information provided by the PIO and submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and he does not wish to proceed further in the matter. He also made endorsement on the appeal memo that "I am satisfied with the information".
9. In view of above 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