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Appeal No. 161/2023/SCIC

Shri. Deepak Gracias,
R/o. Karishma Apartments, 'C' Block,
Near Cine Vishant, Aquem,
Margao, Goa 403601.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Head Quarters, Police Head Quarters,
Near Azad Maidan, Panaji-Goa 403001.

2. The Public Information Officer,
Dy. Superintendent of Police,
Anti-Corruption Branch,
Altinho, Panaji-Goa 403001.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 09/05/2023

Decided on: 26/07/2023

FACTS IN BRIEF

1. The Appellant, Shri. Deepak Gracias, r/o. Karishma Apartments, 'C' Block, Near Cine Vishant, Aquem, Margao-Goa vide his application dated 02/03/2023 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), Office of Superintendent of Anti-Corruption Branch, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.
2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 27/03/2023 and informed the Appellant that information has been denied under Section 8(1)(h) of the Act, as the matter is under investigation.
3. Aggrieved and dissatisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Superintendent of Police,

Anti-Corruption Branch, Altinho, Panaji-Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

4. The FAA vide its order dated 10/05/2023 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant within the period of 20 days as the inquiry in the matter is complete and over.
5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with order of the FAA dated 10/05/2023, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act.
6. Parties were notified, pursuant to which the Appellant appeared in person on 22/06/2023, the PIO Shri. Rajan Nigalye, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Branch, Panaji appeared and filed his reply on 22/06/2023 and submitted that he is ready and willing to furnish the information. Therefore, the Commission directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant on next date of hearing and matter was posted for hearing on 19/07/2023.
7. During the course of hearing on 19/07/2023, the PIO, Shri. Rajan Nigalye appeared and furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant. Since the information provided by the PIO was voluminous in nature, the Appellant sought time to scrutinise the documents and the matter was thereafter posted for clarification/order on 26/07/2023.
8. In the course of hearing on 26/07/2023, the Appellant, Deepak Gracias appeared and submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and made an endorsement on the appeal memo stating that "Information provided". It was also submitted that he does not want to proceed with the matter.
9. In view of submission of the Appellant and endorsement made on the appeal memo, the matter is disposed off.

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

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner