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Appeal No. 179/2022/SCIC

Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye,
H.No. 35/A, Ward No. 11,
Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa 403507.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Mapusa Municipal Council,
Mapusa-Goa 403507.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
The Chief Officer,
Mapusa Municipal Council,
Mapusa-Goa 403507.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 01/07/2022

Decided on: 10/01/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye r/o. H.No. 35/A, Ward no. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa by his application dated 14/03/2022 filed under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought certain information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa.
2. The said application was not responded by the PIO within the stipulated time, deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant preferred first appeal before the Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council at Mapusa-Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. Since the FAA also failed and neglected to hear and dispose the first appeal within stipulated time, the Appellant landed before the Commission with this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act.
4. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which the PIO, Shri. Rajendra Bagkar appeared and filed his reply on 26/10/2022.

The representative of the FAA, Adv. Pallavi Dicholkar appeared and filed her reply on 26/10/2022 and matter posted for argument on 10/01/2023.

5. During the course of hearing today i.e on 10/01/2023, the PIO, Shri. Rajendra Bagkar appeared alongwith APIO, Santosh Umraskar and submitted that he has already furnished the information to the Appellant on 06/10/2022 and pointed out at para No. 4 of his reply dated 26/10/2022, which reads as under:-

"4. I say the said information is already issued to the applicant, & also I would like to Apologize, to the Hon'ble Goa State Information Commission for delay."

6. The Appellant did not appear for the hearing on 10/01/2023 or disputed the above content of the reply of the PIO. Rather he filed one letter through entry registry dated 09/01/2023 and submitted that the above appeal may be decided on merits.
7. Since the Appellant did not appear for the hearing, I presume and hold that the Appellant is satisfied with the reply and information provided by the PIO. Accordingly the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner