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**Appeal No. 189/2023/SCIC**

Franky Monteiro,  
H.No. 501, Devote,  
Loutulim, Salcete-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer, M.E-II,  
Office of the Collector, South Goa,  
Collectorate Building, Margao-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,  
The Deputy Collector, Revenue,  
Collectorate Building, Margao-Goa.

.....Respondents

**Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar**

State Chief Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 31/05/2023**

**Decided on: 13/09/2023**

**ORDER**

1. The Appellant, Franky Monteiro r/o. H.No. 501, Devote, Loutulim, Salcete-Goa by his application dated 30/03/2023 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 Collector of South Goa, Margao, Salcete-Goa.
2. Since 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 Deputy Collector (Revenue), Collectorate Building, Margao-Goa, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. Since the FAA also failed and neglected to hear and dispose the first appeal, the Appellant landed before the Commission by this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act, with the prayer to direct the PIO to provide the information free of cost and to impose penalty on the PIO for denying the information.

4. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the representative of the PIO, Shri. Sahil Chopdekar appeared and sought time to file his reply in the matter. In spite of valid service of the notice none remained present for Appellant and Respondent No. 2. Opportunity was granted to them and matter was posted for reply/ compliance on 06/09/2023.
5. In the course of hearing on 06/09/2023, none appeared for the Appellant, the PIO and the FAA, however, received one letter dated 08/08/2023, through entry registry from the Appellant that, he wishes to withdraw the appeal and prayed to dispose off the matter. Opportunity was granted to the parties and matter was posted for clarification/ order on 13/09/2023.
6. During the course of hearing on 13/09/2023, none appeared for the Appellant, the PIO and the FAA. In the view of the letter received from the Appellant through entry registry dated 08/08/2023 for withdrawal of the appeal, I presume and hold that, issue raised by the Appellant has been resolved. Therefore I find no reason to prolong the proceeding. Hence, the appeal is dismissed being withdrawn.
  - Proceeding closed.
  - Pronounced in the open court.
  - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

**(Vishwas R. Satarkar)**

State Chief Information Commissioner