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Appeal No. 205/2023/SCIC

Mr. Shantaram Harikant Agapurkar,
H. No. 59/1, Deusa,
Chicalim, Mormugao-Goa 403711.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Office of Village Panchayat of Chicalim,
Chicalim, Mormugao-Goa 403711.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
The Block Development Officer,
Mormugao Block OL of Guia Building,
F1, Gomes Road, Vasco da Gama-Goa,
403802.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 14/06/2023

Decided on: 27/09/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Mr. Shantaram Harikant Agapurkar r/o. H.No. 59/1, Deusa, Chicalim, Mormugao-Goa by his application dated 18/11/2022 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), Chicalim Village Panchayat, Chicalim, Mormugao-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 Block Development Officer (BDO), Mormugao-Goa, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA vide its order dated 25/01/2023 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information free of cost to the Appellant within seven days.

4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA dated 25/01/2023, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act, with the prayer to direct the PIO to furnish the information and to impose penalty on the PIO.
5. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, Adv. Narayan Pai appeared on behalf of the PIO and placed on record the reply of the PIO alongwith the bunch of documents. Since none appeared for Appellant, the matter was posted for clarification / order on 27/09/2023. Meantime, the representative of the Appellant, Shri. Uddesh Agapurkar appeared and collected the copy of the reply and documents from the court file on 07/09/2023.
6. The records indicate that, after receiving the reply and information by the representative of the Appellant, Shri. Uddesh Agapurkar on 07/09/2023 neither the Appellant nor his representative remained present or disputed the content of the reply/ information inspite of opportunities. I therefore presume and hold that the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. Hence, the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner