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Appeal No. 251/2022/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, Bardez-Goa 403507.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
The Chief Officer (Sitaram Sawal),
Mapusa Municipal Council,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa 403507.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 19/09/2022

Decided on: 22/02/2023

FACTS IN BRIEF

1. The Appellant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye r/o. H.No. 35/A, Ward no. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa vide application dated 02/05/2022 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, Bardez-Goa.
2. The said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated time , deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council at Mapusa, Bardez-Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA vide its order dated 27/07/2022 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information free of cost to the Appellant within 30 days.
4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA dated 27/07/2022, the Appellant landed before the Commission by this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act.

5. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which the PIO, Shri. Santosh Humraskar appeared on 04/11/2022 and furnished the bunch of documents to the Appellant. He also placed on record the compliance report dated 04/11/2022. Representative of the FAA, Adv. Pallavi Dicholkar appeared on 04/11/2022, however opted not to file any reply in the matter. The Appellant submitted that, he requires some time to scrutinise the documents provided by the PIO and hence the matter was posted for arguments.
6. During the course of hearing today i.e. on 22/02/2023, the incumbent PIO, Shri. Rajendra Bagkar appeared alongwith Santosh Humraskar and submitted that, the purported information has been already furnished to the Appellant on 04/11/2022 and 06/12/2022. He also submitted that he has been given inspection of the relevant file.
7. Upon receiving the information, the Appellant remained absent for the hearings on 10/01/2023 and 22/02/2023 or controverted with regards to the information provided by the PIO. I therefore, presume and hold that, the Appellant is satisfied with the 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