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Appeal No. 263/2023/SCIC

Pravinsingh A. Shedgaonkar,
H.No. 1615/2, "Satyabhamakrishna",
Malim, Betim, Bardez-Goa,
403101.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Town and Country Planning Department,
Dempo Tower, Panaji-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Town and Country Planning Department,
Dempo Tower, Panaji-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 01/08/2023

Decided on: 16/10/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant Shri. Pravinsingh A. Shedgaonkar r/o. H.No. 1615/2, "Satyabhamakrishna", Near High Court, Malim, Betim, Bardez-Goa by his application dated 09/05/2023 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 the Chief Town Planner (Land use), TCP Department, Patto, Panaji-Goa.
2. Since the said application was not responded by the PIO within the stipulated period, deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Senior Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department, Patto, Panaji-Goa, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA vide its order dated 12/07/2023, allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information.

4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA dated 12/07/2023, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act, claiming various reliefs.
5. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the PIO, Shri. Prakash Bandodkar appeared and filed his reply on 06/09/2023, the FAA duly served opted not to appear in the matter.
6. Through reply dated 06/09/2023, the PIO submitted that, he is ready and willing to furnish the information, however, relevant files are under the consideration of the Government as the subject matter is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa in PIL Writ Petition No. 16/2023, he also assured that, he will provide the information as soon as he receives the custody of the documents from Higher Authorities. The Commission therefore, directed the PIO to follow up the matter and matter was adjourned on 16/10/2023 for clarification/ compliance.
7. In the course of hearing on 16/10/2023, the PIO, Shri. Prakash Bandodkar appeared and submitted that he has already furnished the information to the Appellant on 13/09/2023 and produced on record the endorsement of the Appellant. The Appellant, Pravinsingh A. Shedgaonkar submitted that he has received the purported information from the PIO and that he does not wish to proceed further in the matter. The Appellant also made endorsement on appeal memo that "information provided".
8. In view of the endorsement made by the Appellant, the matter is disposed off. Proceeding closed. Pronounced in the open court. Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner