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Appeal No. 273/2022/SCIC

Mrs. Karishma K. Mangueshkar,
R/o. H.No. 18/173, Vodlem Bhat,
Taleigao-Goa 403002. .....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Office of the Greater Panaji Planning &
Development Authority,
C/o. North Goa Planning & Development Authority,
Fontainhas, Mala, Panaji-Goa, 403001.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Office of the Greater Panaji Planning &
Development Authority,
C/o. North Goa Planning & Development Authority,
Fontainhas, Mala, Panaji-Goa, 403001. .....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 28/10/2022
Decided on: 07/08/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Mrs. Karishma K. Mangueshkar, r/o. H.No. 18/173, Vodlem Bhat, Taleigao, Panaji-Goa vide her application dated 16/06/2022 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), Office of Greater Panaji Planning & Development Authority, Mala, Panaji-Goa.

2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 15/07/2022 in the following manner:-

"With reference to the above the following is informed:

1. With reference to Sr. No. 1:- Copy of the minutes of the 19th Authority Meeting held on 14.12.2021 cannot be

issued since the minutes are to be confirmed in the next meeting.

2. *With regards to Sr. No. 2:- The minutes are to be confirmed in the next meeting hence cannot be issued.*

3. *With regards to Sr. No. 3: To be clarify."*

3. Aggrieved and not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant preferred first appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA), Office of the Greater Panaji Planning & Development Authority, Panaji-Goa.

4. Since the FAA failed and neglected to hear and dispose the first appeal within stipulated time, 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, to impose penalty on the PIO for failure in furnishing the information and to award compensation for the loss and detriment suffered.

5. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which Adv. Kajol Mangueshkar appeared on behalf of the Appellant on 06/12/2022. Adv. Preeta P. Gaykar appeared on behalf of the PIO on 09/02/2023 and placed on record the reply of the PIO alongwith the bunch of documents. Since none appeared for the hearing on behalf of the Appellant on 09/02/2023, opportunity was granted to the Appellant and the matter was posted for arguments on 14/03/2023.

6. In the course of next date of hearing viz on 21/04/2023, Adv. Kajol Mangueshkar appeared on behalf of the Appellant and collected the copy of the reply and documents from the court file and the matter was fixed for rejoinder on 09/06/2023.

7. In the course of hearing on 11/07/2023, Adv. Sayeli Bandodkar appeared on behalf of the PIO and submitted that with regards to the information at point No. 1, the copy of the Minutes of 19th Authority Meeting was earlier rejected, however, now the said Minutes were confirmed by the public authority and accordingly copy of the said minutes has been provided to the Appellant. She also pointed out that information at point No. 2 and 3 are also furnished to the Appellant alongwith the reply dated 09/02/2023.

8. The record indicates that, after collecting the reply and information by the representative of the Appellant, Adv. Kajol Mangueshkar on 21/04/2023, the Appellant or her representative remained absent for subsequent hearings viz on 09/06/2023, 11/07/2023 and 07/08/2023 or controverted the reply/ 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.

- Proceedings closed.
- Pronounced in the open court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner