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Appeal No. 55/2023/SCIC

Prashant M. Vast,
H.No. 187, Kalavati Niwas,
Behind Union Bank of India,
Vasco Da Gama, Goa 403802.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer (PIO),
Mormugao Municipal Council,
Vasco Da Gama, Goa 403802

2. The First Appellate Authority (FAA),
Mormugao Municipal Council,
Vasco Da Gama, Goa 403802.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 02/02/2023

Decided on: 24/04/2023

FACTS IN BRIEF

1. The Appellant, Shri. Prashant M. Vast r/o. H.No. 187, Kalavati Niwas, Behind Union Bank of India, Vasco Da Gama, Goa vide his application dated 23/08/2022 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), Mormugao Municipal Council, Vasco Da Gama, Goa.
2. The said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated period, deeming the same as refusal, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Chief Officer, Mormugao Municipal Council, Vasco Da Gama, Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. According to the Appellant, the FAA took up the matter on 04/11/2022 in his chamber, discussed the matter with the PIO and directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant within a period of 10 days.

4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA, the Appellant landed before the Commission by this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act.
5. The notices of the second appeal were served upon the parties, pursuant to which Appellant, Shri. Prashant Vast appeared in person, the representative of the PIO Smt. Sandhya Parab Gaonkar appeared on 17/03/2023 and submitted that she has furnished all the available information to the Appellant. However, the Appellant disputed the above fact.
6. In order to resolve the issue, the Commission directed the PIO to file pointwise reply and provide fresh copy of documents to the Appellant on next date of hearing and matter was posted for compliance on 24/04/2023.
7. In the course of hearing on 24/04/2023, the representative of the PIO, Smt. Sandhya Parab Gaonkar appeared and submitted that relevant documents have been dispatched to the Appellant by Registered Post A/D and produced on record the letter dated 17/03/2023 alongwith set of documents. The Appellant admitted the he has received the information by post and submitted that he does not want to proceed further with the matter.
8. Since the available information has been furnished by the PIO to the Appellant and in view of the satisfaction of the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceedings closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner