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Appeal No. 85/2023/SCIC

Mr. Edwin Herculano Peres,
H.No. 152, Non Mon Bandar,
Khariwada, Vasco-Da-Gama,
Goa, 403802.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
The Mamlatdar of Mormugao,
Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa 403802.

2. First Appellate Authority (RTI Act),
Deputy Collector/ SDO and First Appellate Authority,
Mormugao, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa,
403802.

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 23/02/2023

Decided on: 27/06/2023

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Mr. Edwin Herculano Peres r/o. H.No. 152, Non Mon Bandar, Khariwada, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa vide his application dated 07/11/2022 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), Mamlatdar of Mormugao, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa.
2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 09/12/2022 in the following manner:-

"With reference to your RTI application dated 07/11/2022 on the above referred subject, you are hereby requested to approach this office on any working day i.e. on or before 30/12/2022 to collect the information required by you."

3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Deputy Collector/ SDO Mormugao Taluka, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa on 21/12/2022, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. The FAA vide its order dated 27/01/2023 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information free of cost to the Appellant within two days.
5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA dated 27/01/2023 and did not provide the information, the Appellant preferred this second appeal under Section 19(3) of the Act, before the Commission.
6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which the Appellant appeared in person on 21/04/2023, the then PIO, Shri. Ranjit Salgaonkar appeared alongwith the incumbent PIO, Shri. Kundan Gadekar and furnished bunch of documents to the representative of the Appellant Mr. Cliffton De Souza on 08/06/2023. Since the information furnished by the PIO was voluminous in nature, the representative of the Appellant sought time to scrutinise the documents and matter was posted for clarification / order on 27/06/2023.
7. In the course of hearing on 27/06/2023, the then PIO Shri. Salgaonkar appeared and submitted that, he has furnished all the available information to the Appellant and with complied the order of the FAA dated 27/01/2023. The representative of the Appellant, Mr. Cliffton De Souza appeared and submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO and also submitted that he does not wish to proceed with the matter. He also made endorsement on the appeal memo that "I don't want to proceed with the matter."

8. In view of the endorsement made on the appeal memo by the representative 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