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Shri. Sanjay N. Dhavalikar, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 176/2023/SIC

Shri. Deepak Gracias,
R/o. Karishma Apartments,
'C' Block', Behind Punjab National Bank,
Aquem, Margao-Goa 403601.

-----Appellant

v/s

1. The First Appellate Authority,
The Director of Vigilance,
Office of the Directorate of Vigilance,
Sera Building, Altinho, Panaji-Goa 403001.

2. The Public Information Officer,
Dy. Director (Vigilance),
General Vigilance Section,
Sera Building, Altinho, Panaji-Goa 403001.

-----Respondents

Relevant dates emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on	: 02/03/2023
PIO replied on	: 21/03/2023
First appeal filed on	: 28/03/2023
First Appellate Authority order passed on	: 12/05/2023
Second appeal received on	: 19/05/2023
Decided on	: 18/10/2023

ORDER

1. The second appeal filed by the appellant under Section 19 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Act'), against Respondent No. 1, First Appellate Authority (FAA), and Respondent No. 2, Public Information Officer (PIO), came before the Commission on 19/05/2023.
2. The brief facts of this case, as contended by the appellant are that, the appellant had sought certain information from the PIO. Being aggrieved by the action of the PIO and the FAA, he preferred second appeal before the Commission.
3. Notice was issued to the parties, pursuant to which appellant appeared in person, filed submission dated 19/07/2023 and rejoinder dated 27/09/2023. Shri. Akshay G. Potekar, PIO appeared in person and filed reply dated 28/06/2023, rejoinder dated 07/09/2023 and on 27/09/2023 filed affidavit in rejoinder. Smt. Aqualina Furtado, Senior

Stenographer appeared on behalf of the FAA under authority letter and filed submission dated 19/07/2023.

4. Upon perusal of the records of the matter it is seen that, the PIO had responded to the application within the stipulated period and later during the current appeal proceeding furnished the information as available and the same has been received by the appellant. The PIO had never refused the request for information and was always willing to co-operate with the appellant and the authorities.
5. With the above observations the Commission notes that, the information as available has been furnished to the appellant and there is no need for any further intervention of this authority in the present matter.
6. Hence, the instant appeal is disposed accordingly and the proceeding stands closed.

Pronounced in the open court.

Notify the parties.

Authenticated copies of the order should be given to the parties free of cost.

Aggrieved party if any, may move against this order by way of a Writ Petition, as no further appeal is provided against this order under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sd/-

Sanjay N. Dhavalikar

State Information Commissioner
Goa State Information Commission,
Panaji-Goa.