GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Shri. Sanjay N. Dhavalikar, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 302/2022/SIC

: 17/04/2023

Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, H. No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa, 403507	Appellant
V/s	
 The Public Information Officer (PIO), Shri. Santosh Humraskar (A.C.A.O), Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa, 403507 	
 The First Appellate Authority (FAA), The Chief Officer (Mr. Amitesh Shirvoikar), Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa 	Respondents
Relevant dates emerging from appeal: RTI application filed on PIO replied on First appeal filed on First Appellate Authority order passed on Second appeal filed on	: 15/07/2022 : Nil : 19/08/2022 : 09/09/2022 : 05/12/2023

<u>O R D E R</u>

Decided on

 The brief facts of this appeal are that the appellant under section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act (for short, the 'Act') had sought certain information. Upon receiving no information from Respondent No. 1, Public Information Officer (PIO) he filed appeal before Respondent No. 2, First Appellate Authority (FAA). FAA directed PIO to furnish complete information, however the directions were not complied by the PIO. Being aggrieved, appellant under section 19 (3) of the Act preferred second appeal against Respondent No. 1, PIO and Respondent No. 2, FAA, which came before the Commission on 05/12/2022.

- 2. The concerned parties were notified and the matter was taken up on board for hearing. Appellant appeared in person on 12/01/2023 and 02/02/2023 and prayed for the complete information. Shri. Rajendra Bagkar, present PIO appeared in person and filed submission on 02/02/2023. Smt. Pallavi Dicholkar appeared on behalf of the FAA.
- 3. Upon perusal of the records it is seen that the appellant vide application dated 15/07/2022 had sought information on six points. In response, PIO furnished no information. FAA while disposing the first appeal directed the PIO to furnish the information within 15 days, however PIO failed to comply with the said order.
- 4. Appellant, aggrieved by non-receipt of any information appeared before the Commission. In the meanwhile, Shri. Rajendra Bagkar, Head clerk was designated as PIO of Mapusa Muncipal Council. Shri. Rajendra Bagkar appeared on 02/02/2023 before the Commission, filed a submission and stated that he is furnishing the information to the appellant.
- 5. It is noted that the appellant who was present on 02/02/2023, received the information from the PIO and

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undertook to register his say on the next date of hearing. However, thenafter the appellant failed to appear on two occasion i.e. on 23/02/2023 and 16/03/2023.

- 6. In the background of the facts as mentioned above, the Commission finds that the information sought by the appellant vide application dated 15/07/2022 has been furnished by the PIO and appellant after receiving the same has not raised any objections towards the information. Thus, the Commission concludes that the prayer for information becomes infructuous and no more intervention of the Commission is required in the instant matter.
- 7. Hence, the present 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