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Complaint No. 31/2023/SCIC

Franky Monteiro,
H.No. 501, Devote,
Loutulim, Salcete-Goa.

.....Complainant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
The Assistant Director of Transport (S),
Office of the Assistant Director of Transport,
2nd Floor, Osia Arcade, Margao-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
The Dy. Director of Transport (S),
Office of the Assistant Director of Transport,
2nd Floor, Osai Arcade, Margao-Goa.

.....Opponents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 07/09/2023

Decided on: 11/12/2023

ORDER

1. The Complainant, Franky Monteiro, r/o. H.No. 501, Devote, Loutulim, Salcete-Goa vide his application dated 26/06/2023 filed under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as 'Act') sought following information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Office of the Assistant Director of Transport, Margao, Salcete-Goa:-

"Kindly provide me following information under Right to Information Act, 2005. I declare that I am a citizen of India. The information sought is regarding Registration of Honda (WRV) four wheeler vehicle bearing Registration No. GA08 N 3908 in the name of Franky Monteiro registered before the RTA at Margao on 06/10/2017.

- 1) *Certified copy of receipt of life time Road Tax paid towards above said vehicle.*
- 2) *Certified copy of above vehicle Invoice submitted at time of registration.*

3) Certified copy of Certificate of Insurance towards the above vehicle submitted at time of registration."

2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 25/07/2023 in the following manner:-

"With reference to your application dated 14/07/2023 under Right to Information Act, 2005, documents in respect of M.V. No. GA08N3908 cannot be furnished since process to locate file is in progress and as soon as same is available will be produced to you in due course of time."

3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Complainant filed first appeal before the Deputy Director of Transport, Margao-Goa on 08/08/2023, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. Since the FAA failed and neglected to hear and dispose the first appeal within stipulated time, the Complainant preferred this complaint proceeding before the Commission under Section 18 of the Act.
5. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the PIO, Mr. J.R. De Souza, Assistant Director of Transport, Margao appeared on 16/11/2023 and submitted that he is ready and willing to furnish the information. The Commission therefore directed the PIO to come alongwith the information on next date of hearing and matter was posted for compliance on 11/12/2023.
6. In the course of hearing on 11/12/2023, the PIO, Mr. J.R. De Souza appeared and filed his formal reply and furnished bunch of documents to the Complainant, and submitted that he never denied to disclose the information, however since the process to locate the file was going on, he could not furnish the information within stipulated time and he expressed his remorse to that effect.

7. The Complainant scrutinised the documents furnished by the PIO and submitted that he has received the copy of the receipt of Road Tax in respect of vehicle bearing No. GA-08-N-3908, Copy of Invoice and copy of Insurance and that he is satisfied with the information. He further submitted that he does not wish to proceed further in the matter and also made endorsement on the complaint memo that "Information received".
8. In view of the above endorsement of the Complainant, the matter is disposed off.
- Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner