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Complaint No. 39/2022/SCIC

Shri. Mathew Fernandes,
R/o. H.No. 1144, Muxivaddo,
Curtorim, Salcete-Goa 403709.

.....Complainant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
Office of the Mamlatdar of Salcete,
Margao-Goa.

2. Dy. Collector & S.D.O.,
The First Appellate Authority,
Margao-Goa.

.....Opponents

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 29/11/2022

Decided on: 27/11/2023

ORDER

1. The Complainant, Shri. Mathew Fernandes r/o. H.No. 1144, Muxivaddo, Curtorim, Salcete-Goa vide his application dated 10/05/2022 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 Salcete, Margao-Goa.
2. The said application was not responded by the PIO within stipulated time, deeming the same as refusal, the Complainant filed first appeal before the Deputy Collector and SDO, Salcete, Margao-Goa on 08/07/2022, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
3. The FAA vide its order dated 12/08/2022 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to provide the information free of cost to the Complainant within fifteen days from the date of the order.
4. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA dated 12/08/2022, the Complainant landed before the

Commission by way of this complaint under Section 18 of the Act, thereby claiming various reliefs.

5. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, Adv. Vishal Sawant put his appearance on behalf of the Complainant, the representative of the PIO, Shri. Vishwas Satardekar appeared and sought time to file reply, FAA duly served opted not to appear in the matter.
6. In the course of hearing on 01/09/2023, the representative of the PIO, Shri. Vishwas Satardekar appeared and placed on record the pointwise reply of the PIO alongwith bunch of documents to the other party and submitted that he has produced all the available information to the Complainant. Since none appeared for the hearing on 01/09/2023 on behalf of the Complainant, opportunity was granted to the Complainant and matter was posted for rejoinder / argument on 09/10/2023. Off late Adv. V. Sawant appeared on behalf of the Complainant and collected the copy of the reply and documents from the court file.
7. The record indicates that, after collecting the reply and information by Adv. V. Sawant on 01/09/2023, the Complainant or his representative remained absent for subsequent hearings dated 09/10/2023, 15/11/2023 and 27/11/2023 neither disputed the reply / information furnished by the PIO. I therefore presume and hold that the Complainant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. Accordingly the matter is disposed off.
 - Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in the open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner