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### Complaint No. 45/2022/SCIC

Mr. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, H.No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa, 403507.

.....Complainant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer, Shri. Prashant Narvekar, ME-II, Technical Section, Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Bardez-Goa, 403507.

2. Shri. Santosh Humraskar, A.C.A.O., Accounts cum Administration Section, Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Bardez-Goa, 403507.

 Shri. Abhay Rabe, A.T.O., Taxation Section,
Mapusa Municipal Council,
Mapusa-Bardez-Goa,
403507.

4. The First Appellate Authority, The Chief Officer (Mr. Amitesh Shirvoikar), Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Bardez-Goa, 403507.

.....Opponents

### Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

# Filed on: 27/12/2022 Decided on: 19/04/2023

### <u>ORDER</u>

 The Complainant, Shri. Jawaharlal T. Shetye, r/o. H. No. 35/A, Ward No. 11, Khorlim, Mapusa-Goa vide his application dated 12/09/2022 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), Mapusa Municipal Council, Mapusa-Goa.

- 2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 17/10/2022 and 20/10/2022 and informed the Complainant that purported information is not available in the records of the public authority.
- 3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Complainant filed first appeal before the Chief Officer, Mapusa Municipal Council at Mapusa Goa being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
- 4. The FAA vide its order dated 03/11/2022 allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Complainant within 15 days.
- 5. Since the PIO's have failed and neglected to comply the order of the FAA, the Complainant landed before the Commission with this complaint under Section 18 of the Act.
- 6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which the PIO Shri. Rajendra Bagkar appeared alongwith then PIO Santosh Humraskar on 08/02/2023 and filed compliance report with regards to information at point No. 1 and 2. Opponent No. 3, Shri. Abhay Rane appeared on 08/02/2023 and submitted that he is dealing with the matter pertaining to taxation section and present complaint is related to the information pertaining to administration and technical section, therefore, he may be exempted from the present proceeding. The other PIO Shri. Prashnat Narvekar appeared on 28/03/2023 and filed bunch of documents alongwith copy to the otherside and submitted that he has produced on record the information at point No. 4, 5 and 8. Since the Complainant did not appear for the hearing, opportunity was granted to the Complainant to collect the copy of the information from the office of the Commission and matter was posted for clarification / order on 19/04/2023.

- 7. The Complainant accordingly collected the copies of all the documents from the concerned clerk of the Commission on 31/03/2023 and made endorsement on the file that he "received" the information.
- 8. During the course of hearing on 19/04/2023, the PIO Rajendra Bagkar appeared alongwith Santosh Humraskar and submitted that all the PIOs complied the order of the FAA dated 03/11/2022 and furnished all the information to the Complainant. Record indicates that Opponents complied with the order of the FAA and furnished information to the Complainant.
- Since the Complainant did not appear for subsequent hearing on 19/04/2023, I presume and hold that the Complainant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIOs. Accordingly, the matter is disposed off.
  - Proceedings closed.
  - Pronounced in the open court.
  - Notify the parties.

Sd/-(Vishwas R. Satarkar) State Chief Information Commissioner