## **GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Penalty No. 08/2023 in Appeal No. 213/2022/SCIC

Mr. Bharat L. Candolkar, R/o. Vady Candolim, Bardez-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer, Secretary, Village Panchayat Candolim, Candolim, Bardez-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority, Block Development Authority, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri Vishwas Satarkar - State Chief Information Commissioner

## Filed on:- 29/03/2023 Decided on: 05/10/2023

## <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. While disposing the appeal bearing No. 213/2022/SCIC, the Commission vide its order dated 09/02/2023 directed Public Information Officer (PIO), the Secretary of Village Panchayat Candolim, Bardez-Goa, to comply with the order of the FAA dated 21/06/2022 and furnish the information to the Appellant free of cost within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the order.
- The Commission also issued show cause notice to the said PIO as to why penalty should not be imposed on him in terms of Section 20(1) and/ or to recommend for disciplinary proceeding against him in terms of Section 20(2) of the Act.
- 3. Pursuant to the notice, the PIO, Lourenco Reberio filed his reply through entry registry on 21/03/2023 and submitted that he has

given inspection of record to the Appellant and furnished all the available information to the Appellant. He further submitted that he is no more the designated PIO, being transferred from the office of Village Panchayat Candolim.

- Since the Appellant is not satisfied with the contention of the then PIO, fresh notice was issued to the incumbent PIO, Shri. Rajendra Gawas on 14/06/2023.
- 5. In the course of hearing on 04/08/2023, the incumbent PIO, Rajendra Gawas appeared and submitted that he has filed pointwise reply and also furnished all the available information to the Appellant on 10/05/2023. Adv. A.P. Mandrekar appearing on behalf of the Appellant submitted that though he received the information, he is not satisfied with the information with regards to point No. 1(h) of his application. The incumbent PIO submitted that he will provide the additional information on the next date of hearing.
- 6. Accordingly, during the course of hearing on 05/10/2023, the PIO Shri. Rajendra Gawas appeared and provided additional information to the Appellant. Adv. A.P. Mandrekar appearing on behalf of the Appellant submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO.
- Since the incumbent PIO provided all the available information to the Appellant, the show cause notice dated 16/02/2023 issued in the present penalty proceeding is dropped.
  - Proceeding closed.
  - Pronounced in the open court.
  - Notify the parties.

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