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Penalty No. 14/2023 in Appeal No. 201/2021/SCIC

Mr. Purshottam Shirodkar, R/o. H.No. 179/128, Bella Vista, Sangolda, Bardez-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer, Administrator of Comunidades of North Zone, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

2. First Appellate Authority, The Additional Collector-III, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri Vishwas Satarkar - State Chief Information Commissioner

## Filed on:- 18/04/2023 Decided on: 27/09/2023

## <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. While disposing the appeal bearing No. 201/2021/SCIC, the Commission vide its order dated 08/03/2023 directed Public Information Officer (PIO), Administrator of Comunidades North Zone, Mapusa-Goa, to furnish the information free of cost to the Appellant as per his RTI application dated 22/01/2021 within the period of 15 days.
- 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) of the Act.
- 3. Pursuant to the notice, none appeared for the Appellant, the PIO and FAA, however, received reply alongwith the bunch of documents on 28/04/2023 through entry registry from the PIO.

4. Through the reply the PIO contended that, upon the receipt of the order of the Commission he furnished all the available information to the Appellant by letter dated 17/04/2023 and to substantiate his case, the PIO has produced on record letter dated 17/04/2023.

He further contended that, in order to provide the rest of the information, he also issued a Memorandum on 29/03/2023 to the Clerk/ Escrivao of Comunidade of Serula.

- 5. Since both the parties remained absent continuously for the hearings on 18/04/2023, 02/06/2023, 06/07/2023, 18/08/2023 and 27/09/2023, I find no reason to keep the matter pending.
- Records reveal that, the Appellant with due acknowledgment has received the information from the office of the Administrator of Comunidades, North Zone, Mapusa-Goa on 20/04/2023.

In view of the above, show cause notice dated 16/03/2023 issued in the present appeal against the PIO is dropped.

- Proceeding closed.
- Pronounced in the open court.
- Notify the parties.

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