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Penalty No. 16/2023 in

Appeal No. 293/2021/SCIC

Mr. Ramchandra L. mandrekar, R/o. H.No. 6, Wadachawada, Shrigao, Bicholim-Goa 403503.

.....Appellant

V/S

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

.....Respondent

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 28/04/2023 Decided on: 10/11/2023

ORDER

While disposing the Appeal bearing No. 239/2021/SCIC the Commission vide its order dated 15/03/2023 directed the 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 21/04/2021 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.

Pursuant to the notice, none appeared for the Appellant, the representative of the PIO, Shri. Sudhir Vast appeared and placed on record the reply of the PIO dated 12/04/2023 alongwith bunch of documents.

Through the reply the PIO contended that, upon the receipt of the order of the Commission, he made full efforts to trace the information of the Appellant alongwith his staff Shri. Prasanna Parab and others, however, he could not locate the information and to support his claim he produced on record the copy of search

report dated 30/03/2023. He further contended that, in order to provide the rest of the information, he issued Memorandum on 30/03/2021 to the Clerk/ Escrivao of Comunidade of Sirsaim.

Since both the parties remained absent continuously for long time, I find no reason to keep the matter pending.

In view of the above, the show cause notice dated 21/03/2022 issued in the present appeal against the PIO is dropped.

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

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner