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Penalty 39/2022 in Appeal No. 181/2021/SCIC

Smt. Monica Cardozo, H.No. 996/B, Escrivao Waddo, Candolim, Bardez-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

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

.....Respondent

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 22/11/2022 Decided on: 20/02/2023

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. While disposing the appeal bearing No. 181/2021/SCIC, the Commission vide its order dated 07/10/2022 directed the Public information Officer (PIO), the Secretary of Village Panchayat Candolim, Bardez-Goa to comply with the order of the First Appellate Authority (FAA) dated 08/06/2021 and furnish the information to the Appellant within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of the order.
- 2. The Commission also issued show cause notice to the then PIO, Shri. Lourenco Ribeiro, who was the Secretary of Village Panchayat Candolim, Bardez-Goa at a relevant time, as to why penalty should not be imposed on him for denying the information to the Appellant under Section 20(1) and 20(2) of the Act.
- 3. Pursuant to the notice, the representative of the Appellant, Mr. Savio Brito appeared alongwith letter of authority on 31/01/2023 and submitted that the incumbent PIO, Shri. Rajendra Gawas complied the order of the FAA and furnished the purported information to the Appellant, the then PIO did not remain present

for the hearing, therefore, the matter was posted for arguments on 20/02/2023.

- 4. During the course of hearing today, i.e. on 20/02/2023 the representative of the Appellant, Shri. Savio Brito appeared and submitted that he is not pressing upon the imposition of penalty on the then PIO as the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO. He also made endorsement that "I do not want to proceed with the matter."
- 5. In view of endorsement made by the representative of the Appellant, the show cause notice dated 14/10/2022 issued in the present penalty proceeding against the then PIO, Shri. Lourenco Ribeiro is dropped.
 - Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar) State Chief Information Commissioner