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Penalty No. 39/2023
in
Appeal No. 257/2022/SCIC

Shri. Narayan Datta Naik,
H.No. 278/1 (3),
Savorfond, Sancoale,
403710.

.....Appellant

V/S

Shri. Raghuvir D. Bagkar,
Public Information officer,
Village Panchayat Sancoale,
P.O. 403710.

.....Respondent

Shri. Vishwas R. Satarkar

State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 08/09/2023

Decided on: 16/11/2023

FACTS IN BRIEF

1. While disposing the Appeal bearing No. 257/2022/SCIC, the Commission vide its order dated 24/07/2023 directed the Public Information Officer (PIO), the Secretary of Village Panchayat Sancoale, Mormugao-Goa to comply with the order of the First Appellate Authority (FAA) dated 13/09/2022 and furnish point wise reply/ information to the Appellant.
2. The Commission also issued show cause notice to the then PIO, Shri. Raghuvir Bagkar as to why penalty should not be imposed on him in terms of Section 20 of the Act.
3. None appeared for the Appellant and PIO, however, received one reply on 15/09/2023 through entry registry from the incumbent PIO Mr. Orville C. Vales.
4. Through the reply, the incumbent PIO contended that, upon the receipt of the order of the Commission, he furnished all the available information to the Appellant and the Appellant has already collected said information with due acknowledgement.

5. Since both the parties remained absent throughout the hearings viz. 08/09/2023, 19/10/2023, 10/11/2023 and 16/11/2023, I find no reason to prolong the proceeding further and hence proceed to dispose the matter.
6. On perusal of the reply of the PIO, it reveals that, the Appellant has received the information from the office of the Village Panchayat Sancoale, Mormugao-Goa. I find no reason to disbelieve the contention of the PIO. I presume and hold that the Appellant has no say to offer in the matter.
7. In view of the above, show cause notice dated 14/08/2023 issued in the present appeal against the then PIO is dropped.
 - Proceeding closed.
 - Pronounced in open court.
 - Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)

State Chief Information Commissioner