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Appeal No. 134/2024/SIC

Shri. Rajesh Rajaram Wadkar,
r/o. St. Jerome Waddo,
Xelpem, Duler,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

-----**Appellant**

V/s

The Public Information Officer,
Office of the Mapusa Municipal Council,
Mapusa-Goa.

-----**Respondent**

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 20/06/2024

Decided on: 18/12/2024

ORDER

1. Appellant Shri. Rajesh Wadkar made his original Right to Information application before the Public Information Officer, of the Mapusa Municipal Council on 25/01/2024.
2. Thereafter upon passage of stipulated time frame of 30 days and on account of non issuance of information the Appellant herein filed the first appeal dated 26/02/2024.
3. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide his order dated 12/04/2024 directed the PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant within 1 week.
4. Thereafter, on account of inaction on the part of the PIO the appellant had to prefer the present second appeal dated 20/06/2024.

5. During this period the said appeal could not be taken up due to the fact that the Commissioner's had demitted the office and upon resumption of regular proceedings notices were issued on 13/11/2024.
6. In the time period in between the PIO Shri. Nilesh Lingudkar vide his correspondence dated 22/11/2024 provided information to the Appellant in accordance with his original application and filed the reply to that effect before this Commission.
7. It is contended by the Appellant that he has been duly provided the information and as such this Appeal does not merit any further proceedings.
8. However, this Commission takes a strong notice of the conduct of the said PIO in delaying the issuance of information beyond the stipulated time and allowing the matter to reach the second appeal stage.
9. This Commission warns the PIO not to repeat such an act in near future and to discharge his duties entrusted by the RTI Act, promptly and diligently.
10. In the light of the above the second Appeal is disposed off and proceedings stand closed.

Pronounced in the open court.

Notify the parties.

Authenticated copies of the Order should be given to the parties free of cost.

Aggrieved party if any, may move against this order by way of a Writ Petition as no further Appeal is provided against this order under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sd/-

(Atmaram R. Barve)

State Information Commissioner