## **GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Shri. Atmaram R. Barve State Information Commissioner

## **Appeal No.473/2023/SIC**

Santana Piedade Afonso,
H.No. 263, Comba-Central,
P.O. Cuncolim, Salcete-Goa 403703. .......Appellant
V/S
1.Shri. Custodio Faria,
The Village Panchayat Secretary,
Public Information Officer,
Village Panchayat of Majorda-Utorda-Calata,
Majorda-Goa 403713.

2. Shri. Pretesh B. Shetye, The First Appellate Authority/BDO, O/o. the Block Development Office, Mormugao, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa.

.....Respondents

Filed on: 27/12/2023 Decided on: 25/11/2024

## **ORDER**

- Appellant absent inspite of issuing notices the Appellant has been seeking continues absence in this matter and has not even filed any response to the affidavit in reply filed by the Respondents. In view of the same, matter was taken up for final hearing.
- 2. Advocate for Respondent Public Information (PIO) contends that the information sought by the Appellant vide his original application dated 14/08/2023 was duly acted upon and reply dated

- 13/09/2023 was issued to the Appellant through regular postal service.
- 3. He further highlighted that on the very next date on 14/09/2023, the Appellant filed the 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal.
- 4. Subsequently, the matter was taken up by the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and vide order dated 10/10/2023 the FAA directed the PIO to provide the requisite information to the Appellant through Register A. D. instead of regular postal communication.
- 5. Further, it has been brought to the notice of the Commission that in compliance of the order dated 10/10/2023 the PIO sent the requisite communication to the Appellant by speed post dated 7/11/2023 of the same was received by the Appellant on 11/11/2023.
- 6. Thereafter the said Appellant preferred the second appeal before this Commission vide his reply memo dated 27/12/2023.
- 7. It is noteworthy that till date the Appellant has not remained present even for a single hearing and has also not filed any response to the reply filed by the Respondent which is duly served onto him.

- 8. Even after giving ample opportunity to the Appellant there has been a failure on his part to seek a reasoned redressal to his grievance.
- 9. In the light of the aforementioned this Commission deems it appropriate to dismiss the present second appeal, and close the proceeding.
- 10. Hence, the present appeal is disposed accordingly and the proceeding stands 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