GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Shri. Atmaram R. Barve State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 266/2023/SIC

Mr. Devidas Gopinath Panjikar, R/o Podwal, Khorjuem, Aldona, Bardez-Goa 403508

..... Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer (PIO), Village Panchayat of Aldona, Bardez-Goa 403508

....Respondent

Filed on: 24/07/2023 Disposed on: 21/11/2024

<u>O R D E R</u>

- 1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information Application dated 20/04/2023 addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) of Village Panchayat Aldona by Shri. Devidas Panjikar, the Appellant herein.
- 2. Citing the grounds that the said PIO, failed to furnish the information within the stipulated time, the appellant herein preferred the first Appeal and vide order dated 05/07/2023 the First Appellate Authority (FAA) directed the PIO to provide physical inspection of the documents and certified copies therein within 10 days from that order to the Appellant herein.
- 3. Thereafter, citing the grounds of non compliance of the order of the First Appellate Authority, the Appellant herein preferred the present second appeal against the PIO Smt. Navanya Goltekar on 24/07/2023.
- 4. Notices were served and matter was taken up before this Commission from 24/08/2023 onwards.

- 5. During the course of the hearings the PIO undertook to furnish the complete information and file a compliance report on 14/03/2024.
- 6. By this time the former State Information Commissioner had demitted office and hearings resumed from 10/10/2024 onwards.
- 7. Vide application dated 27/11/2024 the Appellant herein informed this Commission that the PIO had furnished him the complete information in terms of his original RTI application and as such he doesn't intend to pursue the matter any further.
- 8. Although the purpose of the RTI (Right to Information) application made by the Appellant herein is served, however, the conduct of the PIO in this matter cannot be ignored.
- 9. The PIO Smt. Navanya Goltekar is cautioned not to repeat such acts on her part as a PIO, that are inconsistent and/or against the spirit of the Right to Information Act.
- 10. Therefore, the present second appeal stands disposed off with no order as to cost.

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