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Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 464/2023/SIC

Narayan Suresh Pai, H. No. 121, Deulwada, Arambol, Pernem Goa, 403524

....Appellant

V/s

 Deputy Director (Admin)/Superintendent of Survey & Land Records, Directorate of Survey and Land Records, Panaji-Goa

2. Vinita V. Kambli,
Public Information Officer (PIO),
Inspector of Survey and Land Records,
Pernem-GoaRespondents

Filed on: 20/12/2023 Disposed on: 09/12/2024

- 1. The present second Appeal arises out of right to information (RTI) application dated: 01/09/2023 filed by the Appellant herein Shri. Narayan Suresh Pai and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) of the Office of the Inspector of Survey and Land Records Pernem-Goa.
- 2. In response to the said application a response without date and without signature of the PIO was issued to the Appellant asking him to inspect the relevant information and spelling out the prescribed fees.
- 3. Thereafter, citing that the aforementioned response was received on 05/10/2023 that is beyond the stipulated time period and that the information has not been provided, the Appellant herein preferred the first Appeal dated 23/10/2023 before the appropriate authority.

- 4. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated: 09/11/2023 directed the Public Information Officer (PIO) to furnish necessary information to the Appellant herein, upon payment of the prescribed fees within 20 days from the said order.
- 5. Thereafter, citing the grounds of non issuance of information, the Appellant filed the present second appeal on 20/12/2023 before this Commission.
- 6. Notices were issued on 15/01/2024 and proceedings commenced from 14/02/2024 onwards.
- On account of the former State Information Commissioner demitting office there was no progress in this matter and regular proceedings commenced from 18/10/2024 onwards.
- 8. The Respondent PIO Smt. Vinita V. Kambli had filed the reply on the very first date of hearing that is 14/02/2024 and the same was responded by the Appellant on 06th March, 2024, however, copy of the said rejoinder was furnished to the Respondent on 18/10/2024.
- 9. Thereafter, the PIO provided her detailed submissions on 28/10/2024 and the matter was argued in detailed on 09/12/2024.
- 10. Upon perusal of the appeal memo and other relevant material on record this Commission is of the considered opinion as under:
 - a. The right to information (RTI) application filed by the Appellant herein appears to be non specific and all-encompassing in nature.
 - b. Inspite of the same the PIO has duly made an attempt to invite the Appellant to inspect the concerned records and the only flow on the part of the PIO is that she has failed to inscribe proper

date to her response and that the said response has ultimately reach the appellant beyond the stipulated time period of 30 days.

- c. Pursuant to the Order passed by the First Appellate Authority, the PIO had again vide her letter dated 21/11/2023 invited the Appellant herein to visit her office for obtaining photo copies of the relevant information and to pay an amount of Rs. 682/-(Six Hundread Eighty Two Only) towards the same.
- d. There is no material on record to even remotely suggest that the Appellant herein has made any attempt to either inspect the records or to make payment for availing such records.
- 11. In the light of the above there is no material to suggest the factor of denial of information on the part of the PIO and therefore the present second Appeal stands dismissed.

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