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Appeal No. 75/2023/SCIC

Mr. Krishna Raghunath Pandit,
H. No. 884/11, Devashri Bhuvan,
Porvorim, Bardez-Goa, 403501

....Appellant

V/s.

Mr. Basilo Pires,
Secretary,
Public Information Officer (PIO),
Village Panchayat of St. Lawrence (Agassaim),
Tiswadi-Goa

...Respondent

Shri. Vishwas Satarkar, State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 20/02/2023

Decided on: 10/01/2024

ORDER

1. The Appellant, Shri. Krishna R. Pandit, resident of House No. 884/11, Devashri Bhuvan, Porvorim, Bardez Goa, vide his application dated 12/09/2022 filed under section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter to be referred as Act), sought certain information from the Public Information Officer (PIO), Secretary of Village Panchayat St. Lawrence Agassaim, Tiswadi, Goa
2. Said application was responded by the PIO on 29/09/2022, thus providing information at point No.1 and 2 to the Appellant and replied that rest of the information is not available in the records of Village Panchayat.

3. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Block Development Officer at Panaji Goa on 31/10/2022, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. The FAA, by its order dated 05/12/2022, allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to once again carry out the search of the documents from the office records; allow the Appellant to inspect the records and furnish the information within seven days.
5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA, the Appellant preferred this second appeal before the Commission under section 19(3) of the Act.
6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the Appellant appeared in person on 06/04/2023, Adv. Sakharay Naik put his appearance on behalf of the PIO and filed his reply on 05/06/2023.
7. Through his reply dated 05/06/2023, the PIO reiterated that, the office of Village Panchayat St. Lawrence (Agassaim) Tiswadi Goa has not given any No Objection Certificate to the Little Angel School, Agassaim, Tiswadi, Goa and that he is ready and willing to give the inspection of the entire file. Considering the above fact, the Commission, with the consent of both the parties, fixed a joint inspection of file on 25/08/2023 between 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the office of PIO at Agassaim, Goa
8. Since the Appellant is not satisfied with the first joint inspection, in order to resolve the issue, another joint

inspection was fixed on 03/10/2023 between 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the office of the PIO at Agassaim, Goa.

9. In the course of hearing on 06/11/2023, the Appellant appeared and submitted that he has already carried out the inspection of records and the PIO agreed to furnish him the additional (corrected) reply. Adv. S. Naik undertakes that he will provide the corrected reply on next date of hearing and matter was posted for compliance/arguments on 10/01/2024.

10. In the course of hearing on 10/01/2024, the PIO, Mr. Basilo Pires appeared alongwith Adv. S. Naik and furnished corrected reply dated 29/09/2022 and submitted that the construction file of Little Angel is not at all submitted in the office of Public authority and hence, no information is generated or available in the records of V. P. St. Lawrence (Agassaim).

11. On perusing the corrected reply filed by the PIO, the Appellant submitted that, he does not wish to pursue further in the matter. In view of the submissions of the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.

- Proceeding closed.
- Pronounced in the open court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner