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**Appeal No. 311/2022/SCIC**

Master Sousa Leonardo Caetano,  
r/o. H. No. 370, Mundkar, Sao Bras,  
Ilhas Marcella, North Goa, 403107

.....Appellant

V/s

1. Public Information Officer (PIO),  
O/o. Directorate of Settlement and Land Records,  
Panaji, Goa, 403001

2. First Appellate Authority (FAA),  
Dy. Director (Admn), Directorate of Settlement  
& Land Records, Panaji-Goa

..... Respondents

**Shri. Vishwas Satarkar**, State Chief Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 12/12/2022**

**Decided on: 29/01/2024**

**ORDER**

1. The Appellant, Master Sousa Leonardo Caetano R/o. House No. 370, Mundkar, Sao Bras, Ilhas, Marcella Goa, 403107, vide his application dated 26/09/2022 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), Superintendent of Survey and Land Records, Panaji-Goa.
2. Said application was responded by the PIO on 12/10/2022 in the following manner:-

*" With reference to your application dated 26/09/2022 under Right to Information Act 2005, it is informed as follows:-*

*As regards to Para 1:- Field books of Gandaulim Village of Tiswadi Taluka bearing old survey numbers 1,2,3,4,8,15,7,9,10,11,12,16,13 & 40 are not available in this office records.*

*As regards to Para 2:- The Certified copy of Registo do Agrimensor of Village Gandaulim in Tiswadi Taluka beaing survey no. 40 is kept ready and the same may be obtained on payment of Rs. 80/- (Rupees Eighty Only) (i.e. Rs. 80/- x 1 no).*

*As regards to Para 3:- Certified copy of Form III of S. No. 31 and 35 of Village Ella in Tiswadi Taluka are kept ready and the same maybe obtained on payment of Rs. 100/- (Rupees One Hundred Only) (i.e. Rs. 50/- x 2 nos) and Certified copy of old cadastral plan of village Ella in Tiswadi Taluka bearing survey number 109 is kept ready and the same maybe obtained on payment of Rs. 100/- (Rupees One Hundred Only). (Rs. 100/-x 1 no.). This amount is as per Notification No. 26/13/2016-RD/513 dated 16/03/2018 published in Official Gazette, Series I, No. 52 dated 29/03/2018.*

*For inspection of records, you may visit this office during inspection hours between 9:45 am to 12.30 p.m. on any working day and derive the desires information on payment of prescribed fees."*

3. Being aggrieved and not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Deputy Director (Admn.),

Directorate of Settlement and Land Records, Panaji-Goa, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

4. The FAA, vide its order dated 16/11/2022, allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to provide the information to the Appellant within 7 days.
5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA dated 16/11/2022, 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 18/01/2023, the representative of the PIO Ms. Maria Bothelho appeared on 18/01/2023 and submitted that, she has partially provided the information to the Appellant, and that she is ready and willing to provide the rest of the information. The Commission, therefore, directed the PIO to provide the information on the next date of hearing. The representative of the FAA, Shri. Paresh Naik appeared, but opted not to file any reply in the matter.
7. In the course of hearing on 14/08/2023, the representative of the PIO, Shri. Samir Fadte appeared and placed on record the reply of the PIO and furnished bunch of documents to the Appellant. However, since the Appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO, with the consent of both the parties, the Commission fixed a joint inspection of records on 30/08/2023 between 10.30. a.m to 11.30 a.m. in the office of the PIO at Panaji Goa and matter was fixed for compliance on 07/09/2023.

8. On 07/09/2023, the Appellant and representative of the PIO, Shri. Samir Fadte appeared and submitted that as per the direction of the Commission, Appellant carried out the inspection and identified the documents and the PIO accordingly furnished all the information to the Appellant. However, the Appellant submitted that though he is provided with information, the PIO did not provide inspection of hard copies of Field book and Register. The representative of the PIO submitted that he will try to provide the inspection of hard copies of the Field book and Register on the next date of hearing.

9. In the course of hearing on 29/01/2024, the representative of the PIO appeared alongwith the hard copies of the Field book and Register. The Appellant verified said archives and Register and contended that he is satisfied with the information. He also submitted that he does not wish to pursue further with the matter. In view of the submission made by the Appellant, the matter is disposed off.

10. In view of above facts and circumstances, the appeal is disposed off.

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

Sd/-

**(Vishwas R. Satarkar)**  
State Chief Information Commissioner