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Appeal No. 425/2023/SCIC

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

.....Appellant

V/s

- 1. The Public Information Officer (PIO), Mapusa Police Station, Mapusa, Bardez-Goa
- The First Appellate Authority,
 Superintendent of Police, North,
 Porvorim, Bardez-Goa

.....Respondents

Shri. Vishwas Satarkar, State Chief Information Commissioner

Filed on: 14/11/2023 Decided on: 05/02/2024

ORDER

- 1. The Appellant, Shri. Devidas Gopinath Panjikar, r/o. Podwal, Khorjuem, Aldona, Bardez, Goa, vide his application dated 18/08/2023 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), Mapusa Police Station, Mapusa, Goa.
- 2. The said application was responded by the PIO on 06/09/2023 in the following manner:-

Sr.	Questions	Reply
No.		
	Diary dated	22/09/2022 of Aldona Out Post
	Police Statio	n, Aldona, Bardez, Goa
1	Kindly	As per PI Mapusa, the Station
	issue me	Diary is an important document
	certified	which contains entries with
	copy of the	respect to the investigation of
	Diary dated	crimes and other important entries
	22/09/2022	of events reported and registered
	of Aldona	at Mapusa Police Station, hence
	Police	the information called for could
	Station	not be provided u/sec 8(1)(h) of
		RTI Act, 2005, as providing such
		information would impede the
		process of further investigation of
		crime.

- 3. Being aggrieved and not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed first appeal before the Superintendent of Police, North District Headquarters, Porvorim-Goa on 29/09/2023, being the First Appellate Authority (FAA).
- 4. The FAA, vide its order dated 16/11/2023, allowed the first appeal and directed the PIO to provide station diary extract of Police Out Post Aldona for the day on 22/09/2022 pertaining to the appellant, within 10 days.

- 5. Since the PIO failed and neglected to comply with the order of the FAA dated 16/11/2023, the Appellant landed before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the Act.
- 6. Notices were issued to the parties, pursuant to which, the Appellant Shri. Devidas Panjikar appeared in person on 17/01/2024. The representative of the PIO, Shri. Ricky Fernandes appeared on 17/01/2024 and placed on record the reply of the PIO, the FAA, duly served, opted not to appear in the matter.
- 7. The PIO, through his reply dated 17/01/2024, contended that, upon the receipt of the order of the FAA, he verified the station diary record dated 22/09/2022 of Aldona, Out Post. However, it is revealed that there is no any entry effected in station diary pertaining to the Appellant and hence required information is 'nil'.
- 8. For the sake of justice, the Commission directed the PIO to give the inspection of station dairy to the Appellant on 01/02/2024 between 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. in the office of the PIO at Mapusa, Goa and matter fixed was posted for compliance on 05/02/2024.
- 9. In the course of hearing on 05/02/2024, the Appellant and representative of the PIO Shri. Viraj Korgaonkar appeared and submitted that as per direction of the Commission, Appellant carried out the inspection of station diary and identified the entry. The representative of the PIO, Shri. Viraj Korgaonkar submitted that he will furnish the extract of station diary dated

22/09/2022 pertaining to the Appellant within a weeks period. Based on the submission of the representative of the PIO Shri. Viraj Korgaonkar, the matter is disposed of, with the direction to the PIO to provide the purported information to the Appellant within the period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the order.

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

Sd/-

(Vishwas R. Satarkar)
State Chief Information Commissioner