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Shri. Atmaram R. Barve State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 14/2024/SIC

Sarvesh Sudan Desai,
H.No. 6/92-F, Sonarbhat,
Saligao, Bardez-Goa 403511.

..... **Appellant**

V/s

1. First Appellate Authority (FAA),
Shri. Nelson Albuquerque/ Superintendent of Police,
Anti Corruption Branch, Directorate of Vigilance,
Altinho, Panaji-Goa 403001.
2. Public Information Officer (PIO)/ Dy. Superintendent of Police,
Anti Corruption Branch, Directorate of Vigilance,
Altinho, Panaji-Goa 403001.
3. Director of Vigilance,
Smt. Sneha Gitte,
Directorate of Vigilance,
Panaji - Goa.

.....**Respondents**

Filed on: 11/01/2024

Decided on: 25/02/2025

ORDER

1. The present second appeal arises out of Right to Information (RTI) application dated 26/08/2023 addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at the Directorate of Vigilance Government of Goa by Shri. Sarvesh Sudan Desai the Appellant herein.
2. Vide reply dated 27/09/2023 the Public Information Officer (PIO) at the Directorate of Vigilance, Shri. Akshay Potekar provided a pointwise reply to the said application and transferred the said application to the Public

Information Officer in the Anticorruption Branch of the Directorate of Vigilance Govt. of Goa in terms of point numbers 1, 5, and 6 of the Appellant's RTI application.

3. Vide reply dated 5/10/2023 the PIO of the Anticorruption Branch Directorate of Vigilance, Shri. Rajan Nigalye provided a pointwise reply to the Appellant herein.
4. Aggrieved by this response the Appellant herein preferred first appeal dated 10/10/2023 before the competent authority, citing that certain information has been denied and that the same has to come under the purview of the Right to Information Act.
5. Vide order dated 27/10/2023 the first Appellate Authority dismissed the first appeal filed by the Appellant herein.
6. Aggrieved by the order of the First Appellate Authority (FAA). Appellant herein filed the first appeal before this Commission vide appeal memo dated 11/01/2024.
7. Notices were issued by this Commission and the matter came to be taken up before this Commission on 22/02/2024 onwards.
8. Thereafter, on account of the former State Information Commissioner demitting Office, there was no progress in this matter and regular proceedings commenced from 06/11/2024 onwards.
9. It is noteworthy that the Respondent PIO had filed reply to the Appeal memo right on the first date of hearing and

that in the meantime the Appellant has neither appeared in person or through any authorised representative and has also not filed any rejoinder or written submissions in response to the stand taken by the PIO.

10. In spite of being intimated about hearing from time to time by this Commission, the appellant has abstained from the hearings and as such exhausted the remedy of being heard by way of the principles of the natural justice.

11. This Commission is of the considered opinion that not only the public authorities but the information seekers are also bound by inherent duties to ensure fair, transparent and impartial redressal of grievances; as mandated under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

12. Insofar as the conduct of the relevant PIO's is concerned, there are no grounds to suggest that information has been concealed or denied pertaining to the instant application of the Appellant herein is concerned.

13. Therefore the present second appeal is disposed with the following orders:-

a) The present second appeal is dismissed.

b) 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