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Appeal No. 70/2024/SIC

Shri Devidas G. Panjekar,
r/o. Podwal, Khorjuem,
Aldona, Bardez Goa.
403508

-----**Appellant**

V/s

The Public Information Officer,
Town & Country Planning Department,
North Goa, Mapusa,
Bardez Goa.

-----**Respondent**

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 15/03/2024
Decided on: 14/11/2024

O R D E R

1. The Appellant Shri. Devidas Panjekar had filed his original Right To Information (RTI) application dated 18/12/2023 before the Public Information Officer (PIO) of Town and Country Planning Department Government of Goa.
2. On the same day when the original Right to Information application was filed the said application was transferred by the concerned PIO to the PIO of the North Goa District Office of the said Department.
3. However, even after the passage of stipulated time frame of 30 days, the said PIO did not make any correspondence with the Appellant and hence on 24/01/2024 the said Appellant filed the first appeal before the competent authority.
4. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated 19/02/2024 directed the PIO to furnish the requisite information to the Appellant

5. Thereafter on account of inaction on the part of the PIO the Appellant had to prefer the instant Second Appeal No. 70/2024/SIC before this Commission dated 15/03/2024.
6. During the period when this second appeal was filed the Commissioners had demitted office and upon resumption of the regular proceedings notice was issued on 22/10/2024 to both the parties.
7. Thereafter, vide application dated 12/11/2024 the Appellant informed this Commission that concerned PIO had issued the necessary information.
8. Simultaneously on 14/11/2024 the Respondent PIO also vide his application informed the Commission that the said information has been issued to the Appellant.
9. In view of the above the basic issue of issuance of information has been settled and as such this appeal doesn't survives any further.
10. However, there has been an inordinate delay on the part of the PIO in discharging his regular duties and providing the information to the Appellant herein.
11. Henceforth, the concerned PIO shall ensure that promptness is displayed by way of actions in terms of providing the said information to various applicants who seek information from the PIO.
12. Accordingly matter stands disposed off.

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