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State Information Commissioner

Appeal No. 475/2023/SIC

Shriram P. Dhume,
R/o S-1, Vibhav Apartment,
Near Mahadev Temple Karaswada,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

----- Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer (PIO),
River Navigation Department,
Betim, Bardez-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority (FAA),
Office of the Captain of Ports,
Panaji-Goa.

----- Respondents

Filed on: 27/11/2023
Disposed on: 26/11/2025

ORDER

1. The present second Appeal arises out of the Right to Information application dated 20/06/2023 addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) of River Navigation Department of Govt. of Goa by Shri. Shriram P. Dhume the Appellant herein.
2. In response to the said application the PIO Shri. Bernard Devassy issued a communication dated 20/07/2023 asking the Appellant herein to collect the documents pertaining to Serial No. 4 of his application

and that information at Serial No. 5 of his application is not clear and need clarification from the Appellant herein.

3. Vide communication dated 03/08/2023 the PIO informed the Appellant herein insofar as serial No. 2 and 3 of his original Right To Information application is concerned.
4. Vide communication dated 12/07/2023 the PIO transferred the application of the appellant herein to the Directorate of Accounts insofar as Sr. No. 1, 2 and 3 of his application are concerned.
5. The Directorate of Accounts vide communication dated 21/07/2023 retransferred the Appellants application back to the PIO of River Navigation Department stating that the said information is not held by that particular authority.
6. It has been observed that the appellant herein has not exhausted the remedy of first appeal and has approached this Commission with an appeal under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
7. It is noteworthy that the present second appeal came to be filed at the time when the tenure of the former State Information Commissioner was at its fag end and thereafter proceedings resumed from the month of September onwards.

8. The reply to the appeal memo filed by the PIO on 14/02/2024 was also collected by the Appellant herein on 05/11/2024.
9. The Appellant herein expressed his inability to attend regular proceedings before this Commission owing to his old age and sought remedy for his grievance.
10. Although technically the appellant herein ought to have filed the first appeal however, this Commission doesnot wish to dismiss the Appeal solely on this Ground.
11. The PIO appears to have made efforts to seek information from other authority so as to furnish information to the information seeker herein, however, upon receipt of the negative response from the other authority there appears to be no response provided to the information seeker accordingly.
12. Therefore, in view of the above Shri. Bernard Devassy or any other person presently functioning as Public Information Officer in the River Navigation Department Government of Goa is hereby directed to forthwith reassess the RTI application dated 20/06/2023 made by Shri. Shriram P. Dhume and provide pointwise and complete information within fifteen days from receipt of this order or 25th March, 2025 whichever is earlier.

13. The PIO shall submit a detailed compliance report in view of the directions above on 2nd April, 2025, failing which Registry to initiate necessary penalty and disciplinary proceedings against the PIO.
14. No order as to cost and Appeal disposed off accordingly.
15. Pronounced in the open court.
16. Notify the parties.
17. Authenticated copies of the Order should be given to the parties free of cost.
18. 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/-

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CORRIGENDUM

Read:- Order Passed in Appeal No. 475/2023/SIC

In view of the Order passed in Appeal No. 475/2023/SIC necessary correction be made in date of disposal i.e. 'Disposed on: 26/11/2025' may be read as 'Disposed on: 26/11/2024' wherein year has been corrected.

Rest contents of the Order remains the same.

Sd/-

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Date:- 27/03/2025

Place:- Panaji-Goa