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Appeal No. 406/2023/SIC

Dr (Ms.) Kalpana V. Kamat,
Caldeira Arcade, 'B' Block,
1st Floor, Bhute Bhat,
Vasco-Goa.

.....Appellant

V/S

1.Public Information Officer,
Shri. Pradip M. Naik,
Executive Engineer (Elect.),
Division XI, Vasco-Goa.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Shri. Rajiv R. Samant,
Superintending Engineer,
Circle-I, Electricity Department,
Aquem, Margao-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve

State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 03/11/2023
Decided on: 02/04/2025
Detailed Order passed on: 13/05/2026

ORDER

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 03/07/2023 made by the Appellant, Dr (Ms.) Kalpana Kamat and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO), Executive Engineer (Electricity), Division XI, Vasco-Goa.
2. It is contended by the Appellant herein, that the PIO did not issue any communication to the said RTI application with stipulated time period of 30 days upon which the Appellant

preferred first appeal dated 04/08/2023 before the competent authority.

3. Meanwhile during the first appeal hearing the PIO filed reply to the RTI application vide letter dated 10/08/2023, requesting the Appellant to visit the office and verify the required documents and to collect the same after payment of required fees.
4. The Appellant during the hearing of first appeal on 18/08/2023 contended that, the information was provided to her after the period of 30 days and also the information provided was incomplete and was not understandable.
5. The FAA vide order dated 18/08/2023 verified the reply of the PIO and found that the RTI reply furnished is not correct & inappropriate and directed the Respondent to furnish the correct and full reply after verification as agreed by the Appellant and fixed the date of verification 07/09/2023 and also directed the PIO to provide the information free of cost as there was delay in furnishing the reply.
6. During the hearing on 03/10/2023, the Appellant contended that, the information received by her is not verified and it looks that the information is not complete with respect to all poles. The Respondent contended that, as per the direction of the FAA dated 18/08/2023, full information has been furnished to the Appellant on 07/09/2023 and same was also acknowledged by the Appellant. The FAA also directed the Appellant to verify the information at her level and if any discrepancies can approach the Respondent by taking appointment and verify and collect the same. The FAA also directed the Respondent to furnish balance information to the

Appellant if any from the present RTI appeal referred. And if additional information is required may sought separate RTI application.

7. Non-compliance of the order of the FAA by the PIO, the Appellant herein preferred second appeal vide appeal memo dated 03/11/2023 before this Commission.
8. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 11/01/2024 onwards.
9. However, between the months March 2024 to September 2024, on account of former State Information Commissioner demitting office, there was no further progress in this matter.
10. During the hearing on 02/04/2025, the Respondents argued the matter that relevant information has been furnished to the Appellant and that now she is trying to obtain more information beyond what was asked in her original RTI application.
11. Upon perusal of the appeal memo, replies, rejoinder and other material on record, this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-
 - a. At firstly, the PIO has grossly failed to discharge his duty by not replying to the RTI application within the stipulated time period of 30 days but secondly the PIO has complied with the directions of the order dated 03/10/2023 passed by the FAA.
 - b. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) has duly discharge his duty by passing speaking order.

12. Therefore, since the Respondent has provided the full information to the Appellant nothing more survives in the matter and the same is disposed off.

- No order as to cost.
- Parties to be provided authenticated copies of the order.
- 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.

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(ATMARAM R. BARVE)

State Information Commissioner