

**GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
'Kamat Towers', Seventh Floor, Patto, Panaji – Goa

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**Appeal No. 123/2016**

Shri Pradeep G. Mokhardkar,  
H.No. 434, Talpana Sadolxem,  
Canacona Goa

.....**Appellant.**

**V/s.**

1. Public Information Officer (PIO),  
Assistant Director of Mines and Geology,  
Panaji Goa.

.. ..**Respondents**

**CORAM:**

**Smt. Pratima K. Vernekar**, State Information Commissioner.

**Appeal filed on: 24/06/2016**

**Decided on: 26/05/2017**

**ORDER**

1. The appellant herein Shri Pradeep Mokhardkar in exercise of his right u/s 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, vide his application dated 31/12/2015 sought from the PIO, Director of Mines and Geology Panaji for inspection of all the files related to unemployment person who had been given the mining package from 1/1/2012 to 31/12/2015 and also sought certified copy of the documents that would be identified by him during the inspection of the said files .
2. The said was replied by the Asst. Public Information Officer on 29/01/2016 informing that the since the information was voluminous the same cannot be provided as it will disproportionately divert the resources of Department.
3. Being not satisfied with a reply of Respondent No. 1 PIO the appellant approached the first appellate authority on 29/2/2016 u/s 19(1) of RTI Act. It is the case of the appellant that the said first appeal was not disposed by the first appellate authority as such he preferred the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal before this commission on 24/6/2016 with a

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prayer for furnishing the requested information without any further delay.

4. In pursuant to the notice, appellant appeared in person. The present PIO Smt. Neha Panwalkar appeared along with APIO Shri Deepak Mayekar.
5. The right to information Act 2005 have been enacted with the objective of bringing transparency and accountability of working of the Government. It empower the citizens to keep the necessary vigil on the instrument of governance and make the government more accountable to the governed. The act is the big steps towards making the citizens inform the activities in government. Appellant had only sought initially for inspection of files related to unemployment person who have been given mining package from 1/1/2012 to 31/12/2015, pertaining to four years only, the inspection of all those connected filed ought to have been given to the appellant at the inception itself by then PIO as in my considered opinion it would not have disproportionately diverted the resources of the Department on a contrary Department would have earned revenue by changing fees for the said inspection. The reply given by then PIO u/s 7(1) to appellants is given in an very casual manner.
6. The present PIO Miss Neha Panwalkar volunteered and showed her willingness to give the inspection of file to the appellant which was agreed by appellant and the date for inspection was mutually fixed by both the parties .
7. On subsequent dates of hearing appellant as well as Respondent absent. It appears that the appellant have carried out the inspection of required file as such not appeared before this commission with any grievance hence this Commissions presumes that information

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have been duly furnished to appellant by Respondent No. 1 PIO as per his satisfaction and as per requirement and that intervention of this commission is not required in the present case.

Appeal is disposed accordingly. Proceedings stands closed.

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.

Pronounced in the open court.

Sd/-

**(Ms. Pratima K. Vernekar)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Goa State Information Commission,  
Panaji-Goa