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**Shri. Sanjay N. Dhavalikar**, State Information Commissioner

**Appeal No. 180/2023/SIC**

Shri. Sudhakar Vasudev Raul,  
(PWD-Hearing Disabled),  
R/o. H. No. 202/65,  
Kailas Nagar, Assonora,  
Bardez-Goa 403503.

-----Appellant

**v/s**

The Public Information Officer,  
Narayan Zantye College of Commerce,  
Sarvan, Bicholim-Goa.

-----Respondent

**Relevant dates emerging from appeal:**

RTI application filed on	: 16/02/2023
PIO replied on	: 02/03/2023
First appeal filed on	: 11/03/2023
First Appellate Authority order passed on	: 24/04/2023
Second appeal received on	: 24/05/2023
Decided on	: 23/11/2023

**ORDER**

1. The appellant under Section 19 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Act'), has filed second appeal against Respondent Public Information Officer (PIO), Narayan Zantye College of Commerce, Sarvan, Bicholim-Goa, which came before the Commission on 24/05/2023.
2. The brief facts of this matter are that the appellant had sought certain information, which was denied by the PIO. Being aggrieved, the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA vide order dated 24/04/2023 dismissed the appeal. Not satisfied with the action of the PIO and the order of the FAA, the appellant has appeared before the Commission by way of the second appeal.
3. Pursuant to the notice, appellant and Shri. Rajesh Amonkar, PIO appeared in person. Subsequently, Advocate S. A. Thanekar and Advovcate V. V. Shirwaikar appeared on behalf of the PIO and filed reply dated 07/08/2023. Advocate Abdul Walikar appeared for the appellant, filed written arguments on 28/09/2023. Arguments of Advocate Thanekar and Advocate Walikar were heard on 26/10/2023.

4. During the arguments on 26/10/2023, Advocate S.A. Thanekar stated that, the PIO is willing to furnish names of the applicants as sought by the appellant under point no. 1 of the application, however, request for other details by the applicants is not specific and other details contain personal information of the applicants, hence, cannot be furnished.
5. Advocate Abdul Walikar while arguing on behalf of the appellant stated that he was aggrieved by the action of the PIO of denying the entire information on point no. 1. Also, the dismissal of the first appeal was unjust from the perspective of the appellant. Thus, he prays for the information, i.e. names of the applicants, as requested in point no. 1 of the application and that he does not press for other details of the applicants.
6. Upon perusal, the Commission observes that, the appellant had requested for information on three points and was aggrieved mainly by the reply of the PIO on point no. 1 of his application. The PIO has replied to point no. 2 and 3, regarding which the appellant has no grievance.
7. Further, under point no. 1 the appellant had sought for names of the applicants and other details of the applicants. It is agreed by both sides that the request with respect to other details is not specific and other details contain personal information, thus, the same need not be furnished. In the background of the above mentioned facts, the Commission concludes that, the PIO is required to furnish names of the applicants as sought by the appellant. Thus, an appropriate order needs to be passed in the present matter.
8. In the light of above discussion, the instant appeal is disposed with the following order:-

The PIO is directed to furnish information with respect to names of applicants, sought by the appellant vide application dated 16/02/2023, within 07 days from receipt of this order, free of cost.

Proceeding stands closed.

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/-

**Sanjay N. Dhavalikar**

State Information Commissioner  
Goa State Information Commission,  
Panaji-Goa.