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Appeal No.113/2024/SCIC

Shri Suresh Saji Naik,
C/o. Niz Goenkar Fauz, NGO,
Patrong Baina, Near MPT Ground,
Vasco da Gama, Goa 403802.

-----Appellant

V/s

1.The Public Information Officer,
Sub Divisional Police Officer,
Vasco da Gama-Goa.

2.The First Appellate Authority,
Superintendent of Police(South),
Margao, Goa.

-----Respondents

Shri. ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR-State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	- 03-02-2024
PIO replied on	- 05-03-2024
First Appeal filed on	- 28-03-2024
First Appellate order on	- 22-04-2024
Second appeal received on	- 23-05-2024
Decision of the Second Appeal on	- 20-03-2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

- Shri Suresh Saji Naik filed an application dated 03/02/2024 under RTI Act 2005 to the SDPO, Vasco seeking following information:
 - "Provide me the list of History sheeters with their name, address, date of birth and contact phone number recovered in all police stations of Mormugao Taluka.*
 - Provide me the present occupation/business/ job of all History sheeters of Mormugao Taluka."*
- In response to the RTI application, PIO vide letter No. 05/03/2024 replied as under *"Information sought by the Appellant is rejected u/s 8(1) (j) of RTI Act 2005 as the information which relates to personal information, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest."*

3. Aggrieved by the reply of the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 28/03/2024 to the First Appellate Authority (S.P, South Goa).
4. FAA after having heard both the parties to the appeal and their oral submission vide order dated 22/04/2024 dismissed the first appeal on the ground that Appellant was furnished appropriate reply by the Respondent PIO.
5. Aggrieved by the order passed by the FAA, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 23/05/2024 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondents to furnish information as it is public information and not private information. Appellant also prayed for imposing penalty on the Respondents for denying information.

Facts Emerging during the course of Hearing

6. Pursuant to the second appeal, parties were notified fixing the hearing on 23/01/2025 for which Appellant was absent and Rohan Madgaonkar, PSI appeared on behalf of the Respondent PIO with authority letter.
7. During the hearing on 19/02/2025, Appellant appeared in person and the authorised representative of the Respondent PIO also appeared. Appellant submitted that information sought for vide RTI application dated 08/02/2024 was denied by the Respondent PIO u/s 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act 2005 citing the information held by the public authority.
8. Appellant submitted that similar information (list of history sheeters with their name, address, contact number and age) was sought under RTI Act by another RTI applicant from SDPO, Panaji and it was provided vide letter dated 06/03/2024.
9. Matter was taken up for hearing on 20/03/2025 for which Appellant appeared in person and Archana Gaonkar, LPSI appeared on behalf of the Respondent PIO. Appellant submitted a copy of the information provided vide letter dated 06/03/2024 by the SDPO, Panaji on the same matter (list of the History Sheeters) to an information seeker Mr. Santoshsingh Y. Rajput for the consideration of the Commission. Perusal of document

revealed that SDPO/Panaji had furnished list of history sheeters pertaining to the police station coming under his jurisdiction.

DECISION

Considering the facts of similar information furnished by the SDPO, Panaji to an information seeker, Commission hereby directs the Respondent PIO to furnish information sought by the Appellant vide RTI application dated 08/02/2024 within 15 days from the receipt of this order.

Present Appeal No. 113/2024 /SCIC is disposed off today i.e. 20/03/2025.

- Proceedings stands closed.
- Pronounced in open Court.
- Notify the parties.

Sd/-

(ARAVINDKUMAR H. NAIR)
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC