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Appeal No. 191/2024/SCIC

Adv. Francis Rodrigues,
R/o. H. No. 215, Vivenda Consul,
Near Our Lady of Enfermos Chapel,
Sinquetim, Navelim, South Goa,
403707.

-----Appellant

V/s

1. First Appellate Authority,
Dy. Director of Panchayats,
Directorate of Panchayats,
Patto, Panaji-Goa.

2. Public Information Officer,
Sports Authority of Goa,
National Games Secretariat,
Athletic Stadium Bldg,
Bambolim, Cujira Goa.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	- 07-06-2024
PIO replied on	- NIL
First Appeal filed on	- 01-08-2024
First Appellate order on	- 19-08-2024
Second appeal received on	- 16-09-2024
Decision in the Second Appeal on	- 20-03-2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Adv. Francis Rodrigues filed an RTI application dated 07/06/2024 to the PIO, Sports Authority of Goa(SAG) seeking following information:
 - i. *The status of any current or past agreement made with any individual or club concerning the Sinquetim Sports Complex. The copy of said agreement/contractual obligations reduced in writing be provided.*
 - ii. *The amount payed for use of the said ground from 08/05/2020 till date and the recipient of the said amount. Details of statement year wise with copy of acknowledgement be provided.*
 - iii. *Any documents submitted by any individual or club in support of possession or ownership of the said Sinquetim Sports Complex.*

2. On receipt of the RTI application filed by Adv. Francis Rodrigues, PIO (Mrs. Geraldina Pinto), Sports Authority of Goa vide letter dated 18/06/2024 transferred the application in terms of Section 6(3) (ii) of the RTI Act 2005 to the PIO, Directorate of Panchayats requesting to furnish information as desired by the Appellant within the scheduled time frame under intimation.
3. Failing to receive any reply/information from the PIO, Directorate of Panchayats, Appellant filed first appeal dated 01/08/2024 to the First Appellate Authority (Director of Panchayats).
4. FAA heard Appellant as well as Respondent on 19/08/2024. Based on the letter dated 17/01/2024 of Executive Director, SAG to the Secretary, Village Panchayat, Navelim, Salcette-Goa placed on record by the Appellant, FAA has observed that the information sought by the Appellant may be available with the office of the Sports Authority of Goa (SAG). Both the Appellant and PIO agreed with the above observation and accordingly FAA vide order dated 19/08/2024 directed the PIO to re-transfer the RTI application dated 07/06/2024 to the PIO, SAG within a period of three days from date of the order.
5. Thereafter, PIO/Sports Authority of Goa vide letter dated 15/09/2024 furnished certified copies of the requisite information/documents received from the National Games Secretariat in respect of Point No.03 of the RTI application. The information/document provided to the Appellant by the PIO, SAG vide letter dated 10/09/2024 is a copy of Deed of Sale made and entered into at Margao on 3rd October 1991 by and between Mrs. Teodora Erolina Irene Furtado, resident of Sinquetim, Navelim, Salcette Goa(VENDOR) and Enfermos Sports Club, recognised by the Sports Council of Goa and duly registered under Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act 1860 under No.31/Goa/84 dated 21/03/1984 (PURCHASER) and Village Panchayat, Navelim (CONSENTING PARTY). The Deed of Sale stated that the vendor is the absolute owner and is sufficiently possessed the property, paddy field having an area of 2937 Sq.mtr at Sinquetim, Quepem Taluka bearing Matriz No. 1710 and surveyed under No.109/1 in the office of Record of Rights. The vendor has agreed to sell the said paddy field to the

purchaser and the purchaser has agreed to buy for a purchase price of Rs. 88,110/- only.

6. Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 16/09/2024 before the Commission praying to call for the records for verification and direct the Respondent PIO to furnish the information called for as available on records maintained by the Sports Authority of Goa.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

7. Pursuant to the Second appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 27/11/2024. Respondent PIO (Mrs. Geraldina Pinto) and FAA's authorised person Shri Shaikh Mohsin, Gram Sevak appeared but Appellant was absent. In the subsequent hearing on 23.12.2024 also, Appellant remained absent and Respondent PIO and FAA's representative attended the hearing.
8. Respondent No.1 (FAA) vide written reply dated 17/12/2024 submitted that the first appeal of the Appellant has been disposed in accordance with the provision of RTI Act 2005 within stipulated time with a reasoned and speaking order dated 19/08/2024.
9. Respondent No.2 (PIO) in the written reply submitted that vide letter dated 08/08/2024, desired information was called for from the National Games Secretariat and whatever information received from them was provided to the Appellant vide letter dated 10/09/2024 and no other information is available in her office.
10. In response to the Commission's direction to the Respondent No.2 to furnish complete and accurate information to the Appellant vide RTI application, Respondent No.2 (PIO) vide letter dated 15/01/2025 filed a revised reply with regard to the information sought at Point No. 1 and 2 stating that information sought at Point No.1 and 2 'is not available with the office'. The Commission then directed the Respondent No.2 (PIO) to gather the information, sought by the Appellant, from the National Games Secretariat, SAG, Bambolim or Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Campal, Panaji.

11. During the hearing today, i.e. 20/03/2025, Respondent No.2 file a written submission containing copies of -

- i) Note dated 27/01/2023 from Executive Director/SAG stating that information sought by the applicant vide RTI appeal dated 07/06/2024 does not pertain to the National Games Secretariat.
- ii) Note dated 27/01/2025 signed by PIO, Assistant Director (Programme) and LDC of SAG that information sought by the Appellant is not available in their office.
- iii) Note dated 20/01/2025 issued by Executive Engineer, SAG to the effect that information sought by the Appellant is not available with the Technical Section/South.
- iv) Letter dated 10/03/2025 issued by the PIO/Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Campal, Panaji furnishing reply to the 3-point RTI application of the Appellant as under:

Point No.1- No such agreement has been done by this Department.

Point No.2- Not applicable in view of above.

Point No.3- Not applicable in view of above.

12. Copy of the submission containing aforesaid notes filed by the Respondent No.2 is duly furnished to the Appellant.

DECISION

Based on the above facts & circumstances, submissions dated 20/03/2025 filed by Respondent 2/PIO, SAG and reply to the Public Information Officer of Sports Authority of Goa's note dated 16/01/2025 from :

- i. National Games Secretariat, SAG, Athletic Stadium, Bambolim, Goa dated 27/01/2025**
- ii. Assistant Director (Programme), SAG, Athletic Stadium, Bambolim, Goa dated 21/01/2025**
- iii. Technical Section (South), PJNS Stadium, Margao Goa dated 20/01/2025**
- iv. PIO, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Campal dated 07/03/2025, Commission has come to the conclusion that SAG or DSYA is not in a position to provide anything more other than the information provided as available with them with regard to the Sinquetim Ground.**

The following directions have been issued by the Commission:

1. Directions to Executive Director/SAG Goa

However, taking into account of the letter No. dated 17/01/2024 addressed to the Secretary, office of Village Panchayat Navelim, Navelim, Salcette Goa by Dr. Geeta S. Nagvenkar, Executive Director, Sports Authority of Goa citing receipt of letter regarding handing over of the possession of The Sinquetim Ground to Enfermos Sports Club, Sinquetim, Salcette Taluka, South Goa District, Commission hereby directs Executive Director/Sports Authority of Goa to furnish information in respect of Point No.3 of the RTI application (possession or ownership of the Sinquetim Sports Club, Sinquetim, Navelim Village Panchayat, Salcette Taluka, South Goa) to the Appellant within 10 days from the receipt of this order.

2. Directions to the Appellant

Since the copy of the Deed of Sale furnished by the PIO/SAG vide letter dated 10/09/2024 mention Village Panchayat, Navelim, Salcette Taluka, South Goa as the 'consent party' of the third part in the Deed of Sale made and entered into at Margao, Goa on 3rd day of October 1991 in the Deed of Sale between Mrs. Teodora Erolina Irene Furtado of Sinquetim, Navelim and Enfermos Sports Club recognised by Sports Council of Goa and registered under Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act 1860 under No.31/Goa/84 dated 21/01/1984, Appellant shall approach Navelim Village Panchayat seeking details on the possession and ownership of the Sinquetim Ground.

With the above directions, Appeal No. 191/2024/SCIC is disposed today, i.e. 20/03/2025.

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

Sd/-

(ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR)
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC

