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Appeal No. 225/2024/SCIC

Shri. Shrikant V. Gaonkar,
Padmavati Towers, SF-5, 2nd Floor,
18th June Road, Panaji-Goa 403001.
V/s -----Appellant

1.Public Information Officer,
Asst. Registrar of Coop. Societies(HQ),
O/o. Registrar of Coop. Societies,
Sahakar Sankul, 4th Floor, EDC Complex,
Patto, Panaji-Goa 403001.
2.First Appellate Authority,
Dy. Registrar of Coop. Societies,
O/o. Registrar of Coop. Societies,
SahakarSankul, 4th Floor, EDC Complex,
Patto, Panaji-Goa 403001. ---Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	- 15/04/2024
PIO replied on	- 02/05/2024
First Appeal filed on	- 27/05/2024
First Appellate order on	- Nil
Second appeal received on	- 08/10/2024
Decision of the Second Appeal on	- 01/07/2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Shrikant V.Gaonkar files an application dated 15/04/2024 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o the Registrar of Cooperative Societies seeking information at 15 points in respect of different types of Housing Cooperative Societies, zone-wise names of all Co-partnership Housing Societies etc.
2. On receipt of the RTI application, PIO(Assistant Registrar of Co-op Societies(HQ) vide letter dated 18/04/2024 forwarded the application to the PIO's O/o. Assistant Registrar of Co-op Societies of North, South,

Central, Bicholim, Ponda and Quepem zones seeking information in respect of the RTI application except for Point No.6 and 7.

3. Subsequently PIO(Shri. Rupesh Korde, Assistant Registrar of Co-op Societies(Wing-I) vide letter dated 02/05/2024 replied to the Appellant as under :

"With reference to your RTI application dated 15/04/2024, it is to inform you that the information sought by you at Point No.6 and 7 is not available in this office records".

4. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 27/05/2024 before the First Appellate Authority stating that Respondent PIO has failed to furnish information and prayed for necessary direction to the PIO to furnish the correct and complete information, free of cost.
5. The documents attached by the Appellant along with the present appeal reveals that notice for hearing (June 24, 2024) has been served on the Appellant by the FAA (Dy. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, DLI, North) but there is no material available with the present appeal to show that the first appeal was heard, decided and an order was passed by the FAA.
6. Appellant then preferred Second appeal dated 08/10/2024 before the Commission stating that :
 - i. PIO (Respondent 1) has grossly erred in involving the provisions of Section 6(3) of the Act to transfer the RTI application of other PIO's working under the Jurisdiction of the 'same public authority'.
 - ii. PIO gave wrong information in respect of Point No.6 and 7 of the RTI application.
 - iii. The part information provided by other PIO's/Respondent was false, incomplete and misleading.
 - iv. PIO's of South and Quepem zones of the public authority did not furnish information.

- v. Proceedings/hearings in the first appeal were held before the FAA (Dy. Registrar of Co-operative Societies) and at the first hearing on 04/09/2024, FAA directed the PIO (Respondent 1) to furnish proper information to all the 15 points in the Application dated 15/04/2024. Appellant however mentioned in the 'Index' of the Appeal form that order of the FAA is not received.

Appellant prayed before the Commission for direction to the PIO to furnish correct and complete information, free of cost without further delay.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

7. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 24/02/2025 for which both the Appellant and Respondent PIO present in person. Respondent PIO filed written reply dated 24/02/2025 to the Appeal memo with a copy to the Appellant.
8. Matter was heard again on 25/03/2025 for which Appellant was absent but Respondent PIO present and filed an additional reply to the Point No. 6 and 7 of the RTI application. Later representative of the Appellant appeared and received copy of the reply furnished by the PIO.
9. In the subsequent hearing on 17/04/2025, Appellant filed a rejoinder and the representative of the PIO requested time to file reply to the rejoinder.
10. When the matter called out for hearing on 21/05/2025 both the Appellant and the Respondent PIO appeared in person. Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to furnish point-wise reply to the RTI application of the Appellant and the PIO requested time to coordinate with other Co-operative Societies and PIO's of the Zonal offices to furnish proper reply.
11. Matter took up for further hearing on 26/06/2025 wherein (the Respondent PIO submitted fresh reply) complying with the directions

issued by the Presiding Commissioner on 21/05/2025, duly received the revised point wise reply/information to the RTI application. Appellant submitted that he required certified copies of the documents and he has to properly scrutinise the information furnished by the Respondent PIO. Giving a short date, matter fixed for final hearing on 01/07/2025.

12. On 01/07/2025, representative of the PIO appeared with a file containing bunch of documents as information to the 15 point RTI application of the Appellant, who received complete information to his satisfaction.

DECISION

As the Respondent PIO furnished correct and complete information as sought by the Appellant vide RTI application dated 15/04/2024 after the intervention by the Presiding Commissioner and the Appellant is satisfied with the information received by him, nothing more lies in the present Appeal No.225/2024/SCIC.

Accordingly, Appeal stand disposed and proceeding closed.

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.

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

Sd/-

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