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Appeal No.297/2024/SCIC

Shri. Pandit Krishna Tiwari,
H. No. D/3, Sabinc Apts,
Manseer, Verem
Bardez-Goa 403114.
V/s -----Appellant

1.The Public Information Officer,
The Registrar of Co-op Societies,
O/o. Registrar of Co-operative Societies,
Government Building,
Mapusa-Goa 403507.
2.The Dy. Registrar of Co-operative Societies,
The First Appellate Authority,
Panaji-Goa 403001. ---Respondents

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

Relevant facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	14/06/2024
PIO replied on	02/07/2024
First Appeal filed on	23/07/2024
First Appellate order on	Nil
<i>Second appeal received on</i>	<i>02/12/2024</i>
<i>Decided on</i>	<i>06/08/2025</i>

Information Sought and background of the Appeal

- Shri. Pandit Krishna Tiwari filed an RTI application dated 14/06/2024 to the PIO, O/o. Registrar of Co-operative Societies seeking following information :
 - "Kindly provide certified copy of the Bye-laws submitted at the time of registration of M/s. Panorama Harvest Co-operative Farming Society Ltd registered under Maharashtra State Co-operative Societies Act, 1960.
 - Certified copy of the application form submitted for registration of M/s. Panorama Harvest Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.

- iii. *Certified copy of the Founder member's application forms along with member's residential addresses submitted at the time of Registration of M/s. Panorama Harvest Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.*
- iv. *Certified copy of the Registration certificate of M/s. Panorama Harvest Co-operative Farming Society Ltd".*

2. In response to the RTI application, PIO vide letter dated 02/07/2024 replied as under :

"You are requested to collect the information after depositing Rs.32/- towards the requisite fees for the information sought under RTI Act. You are also requested to inspect the file of need any more information".

3. Appellant preferred Second appeal dated 02/12/2024 before the Commission stating that :

- i. Respondent No.1 (PIO) failed to provide the complete information sought at Point No.3.
- ii. The Respondent No.2 (FAA) was duly bound to dispose off the first appeal within the stipulated time frame but disposed only after 30 days without giving reason and without giving any heed to the prayers of the Appellant.
- iii. Respondent No.2 failed to provide certified copy of the order/judgement passed in first appeal.

Appellant prayed for an order directing the Respondent PIO to provide complete information, impose penalty on Respondent PIO and to recommend disciplinary proceedings against Respondent No.1 and 2 (PIO and FAA).

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

4. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal by the Appellant, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 06/05/2025 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO appeared in person. Matter was again heard on 17/06/2025. Respondent PIO was directed to file his submission in the matter on the next date of hearing i.e. 15/07/2025.

5. When the matter took up for hearing on 15/07/2025, Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Respondent PIO (Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Mapusa) in his written submission stated that :
 - i. The Appellant has asked information on four points and information pertaining to Point No.1,2 and 4 was provided to the Appellant. However, with regard to information in respect of Point No.3, available information from Appellant file was provided to the Applicant on 03/07/2024 but only names of the members are available and complete address of the founder members were not available in the records of the office.
 - ii. The Panorama Harvests Co-operative Collective Farming Society has submitted the list of voters having the membership number, name of the member and address which is available on record and can be provided to the appellant, if required.
 - iii. The PIO vide letter dated 24/03/2025 directed the Chairman, Panorama Harvests Co-operative Farming Society Ltd. to furnish the information such as name of the members and their address within 15 days and further reminded vide letter dated 08/05/2025. However, Secretary, Panorama Harvests Co-operative Farming Society vide letter dated 17/05/2025 replied that "*We do not have the said information with us since the original files are missing and we are in the process of tracing them*".
6. Matter further took up for hearing on 06/08/2025 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Respondent PIO filed written submission dated 06/08/2025 stating that -
 - a) In pursuance to the oral direction of the Hon'ble Commission, Respondent No.1 (PIO) has directed the officials of the office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies to conduct the inspection of residential address of the founder members of the Panorama Harvests Co-operative Collective Farming Society Ltd.
 - b) Enquiries conducted by Shri. Rameshwar Dabholkar, Senior Auditor and Shri Govind L. Thakur, Junior Auditor on 24/07/2025 revealed that the Society does not have any records pertaining to the founder members and their current residential address is not known to the society.

- c) Letter addressed to the PIO by the Secretary, Panorama Harvests Co-operative Collective Farming Society Ltd. dated 25/07/2025 clearly states that the society has no records of the founder members and do not know their current address.

DECISION

Since the Respondent PIO's attempts to gather the information sought by the Appellant at Point No.3 of the RTI application did not yield any result, inspection of the records of Panorama Harvests Co-operative Collective Farming Society Ltd., Anjuna by two Officers of the office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mapusa failed to generate information sought by the Appellant and letter dated 25/07/2025 of Secretary, Panorama Harvest Co-operative Farming Society Ltd., stating that society has no records of the founder members and has no knowledge about their current residential address, Commission is of the opinion that the present appeal does not warrant further proceedings. Hence the matter disposed off.

- Pronounced in open Court.
- Notify the parties.

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/-

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