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**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve** State Information Commissioner

**Appeal No. 398/2023/SIC**

Sarvesh Bombdo Gawade,  
R/o. H.No. 177/1, Sidheshwarnagar,  
Surla, Sankhalim,  
Bicholim-Goa 403505

**...Appellant**

**V/s**

1. The Public Information Officer (PIO),  
Sub-Divisional Police Officer,  
Bicholim-Goa 403504.

2. The First Appellate Authority (FAA),  
Police Headquarters,  
Porvorim-Goa 403521

**..... Respondents**

**Filed on: 01/11/2023**  
**Decided on: 20/12/2024**

**ORDER**

1. The Appellant Shri. Sarvesh B. Gaude had filed his Right to Information (RTI) application dated 26/04/2023 before the Public Information Officer (PIO) at the Goa Police Headquarters.
2. Thereafter, the said RTI application was transferred under section 6 of the RTI Act, to the PIO at Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Bicholim-Goa.
3. The said PIO vide correspondence dated 13/06/2023 informed the Appellant that the said information is not available with them.

4. Aggrieved by this information the Appellant approached the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and the same vide order dated 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 dismissed the first appeal filed by the Appellant.
5. Aggrieved by the order of the FAA, the Appellant preferred the second appeal before this Commission.
6. In view of the previous Commissioner's demitting office the proceedings in this matter resumed from 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024 onwards.
7. Both the parties were given an opportunity to file their reply/say.
8. It is the contention of the Appellant that the reply of the PIO is questionable on the grounds that on one hand they say that information is not available and on the other hand it is said that the said complaint is civil in nature.
9. It is the contention of the Respondent PIO that, the Complaint as mentioned by the Appellant in his original RTI application was received and subsequently closed by the Cyber Police Portal Application and as such no further information could be given.
10. Upon perusal of the Appeal memo, order of the FAA as well as Response filed by the parties hereto the present second appeal is dismissed, as there is no ground to establish denial of information. However, the PIO to ensure that henceforth, whenever any RTI

application is responded and when any information cannot be provided then the reasons thereof should be more specifically spelt-out to do away with the factor of misinformation towards the information seeker.

11. In the light of the above, the second Appeal is dismissed and proceedings stand 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/-

**(Atmaram R. Barve)**

State Information Commissioner