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Appeal No.204/2025/SIC-SCIC

Mrs. Nina R. Deodhar,
S-9, Kamat Classik, Phase-I,
Caranzalem, Goa 403002.
V/s -----Appellant

1. Public Information Officer (PIO),
Office of the Hon'ble Health Minister,
Mantralaya, Porvorim, Goa 403521.
2. First Appellate Authority (FAA),
Office of the Hon'ble Health Minister,
Mantralaya, Porvorim, Goa 40352. -----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	03/03/2025
PIO replied on	-
First Appeal filed on	19/05/2025
First Appellate order on	-
Second appeal received on	12/09/2025
Decided on	20/07/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

- 1.** Mrs. Nina R. Deodhar filed an application dated 03/03/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Office of the Minister for Health, Mantralaya, Government of Goa, Porvorim, Goa, seeking following information with regard to Appeal dated 19/01/2024 made to the Minister for Health by Smt. Sitabai K. Nadkarni, Proprietor, Farmacia Durga, Sanguem and an application dated 28/08/2024 for fixing date of hearing of the Appeal dated 19/01/2024 :
- a) *"Kindly provide certified copy of appeal dated 19/01/2024 and application dated 28/08/2024.*
- b) *Date wise details of movement of the appeal dated 19/01/2024 and application dated 28/08/2024".*

2. Upon receipt of the RTI application, PIO/Under Secretary, O/o. Minister for Health vide letter dated 03/03/2025 transferred the RTI application to the PIO, Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 requesting to provide the sought information directly to the applicant under intimation.
3. PIO (Dy. Director), Directorate of Food and Drugs vide letter dated 17/03/2025 replied to the PIO, O/o. the Minister for Health intimating that information sought by the Appellant is not available with the Directorate of Food & Drugs and hence returned the application for necessary action.
4. Subsequently, Appellant filed first appeal dated 19/05/2025 before the First Appellate Authority stating non-receipt of the information from the Respondent PIO. Material available on record along with the present appeal shows that no order has been passed by the First Appellate Authority on first appeal.
5. Appellant then preferred second appeal dated 12/09/2025 before the Commission stating that the Respondent PIO has not furnished information to the RTI application and First Appellate Authority has not taken cognizance of the first appeal. Appellant has filed a letter dated NIL authorising Dr. K. K. Nadkarni, r/o. Ambajim, Fatorda, South Goa to appear before the Commission on behalf of her in the present appeal.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

6. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal by the Appellant, matter took up for hearing before SIC on 13/10/2025 for which Respondent PIO and Appellant's authorised representative, Dr. K. K. Nadkarni present. Respondent PIO collected the appeal memo and the matter adjourned to 17/11/2025.

- 7.** Matter called out for hearing on 17/11/2025 for which Respondent PIO and Appellant's authorised person appeared. Since SIC was on leave, matter adjourned to 22/12/2025. However, the matter again posted to 04/02/2026 on account of leave by the SIC. Following the written request of the representative of Appellant, the matter was transferred to the SCIC by the SIC on 03/02/2026.
- 8.** Matter took up for hearing before the SCIC on 04/02/2026 but none present for Appellant and Respondent. Matter again called out for hearing on 05/03/2026 for which Dr. K. K. Nadkarni present but none present for Respondent PIO. Issued notice for the presence of the Respondent PIO for the hearing scheduled on 20/04/2026.
- 9.** Respondent PIO and Appellant's representative, Dr. K. K. Nadkarni present for the hearing held on 20/04/2026. Both the parties placed their arguments before the Presiding Commissioner. Respondent PIO furnished copy of letter issued by the OSD to Minister for Health, Government of Goa that the application dated 19/01/2024 filed by Smt. Sitabai K. Nadkarni is not found in their office but application dated 28/08/2024 is available.
- 10.** Matter again took up for hearing on 01/06/2026 for which representative of the Appellant present but Respondent PIO absent.
- 11.** Respondent PIO and Appellant's representative present for the hearing held on 15/06/2026. Both the parties placed their arguments before the Presiding Commissioner, who directed the Respondent PIO to file written submission in accordance to the RTI application on the next date of hearing scheduled on 20/07/2026.
- 12.** Respondent PIO and Appellant's representative present for the hearing held on 20/07/2026. Respondent PIO filed written submission dated 20/07/2026 furnishing information to the RTI application dated 03/03/2025 filed by the Appellant.

The submission specifically stated that appeal dated 19/01/2024 referred in the RTI application is not found in the office of the PIO and application dated 28/08/2024 seeking date of hearing is available but no action has been initiated in this application as the main application dated 19/01/2024 was not found. In the submission Respondent PIO further submitted that applicant of the RTI application (Mrs. Nina R. Deodhar) is not a party to the above cited application and letter submitted by Smt. Sitabai K. Nadkarni to the Minister for Health, Government of Goa.

DECISION

- i. Since the Respondent PIO has furnished information to the RTI application dated 03/03/2025 vide submission dated 20/07/2026 in compliance to the oral direction of the Presiding Commissioner, matter is disposed.**
- ii. Since the written submission dated 20/07/2026 does not contain the stamp and seal of the PIO, Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to re-submit the written submission after putting the stamp and seal of the PIO, who duly complied with the direction on the same day.**
- iii. Written submission of the PIO shall be attached with the copy of order to Appellant.**
 - Matter disposed.
 - Proceeding stands closed.
 - 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