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Appeal No.29/2024/SCIC

Shri. Devidas G. Panjekar,
R/o. Podwal,Khorjuem,
Aldona, Bardez-Goa.
V/s.

The Public Information Officer,
Secretary, Village Panchayat, Aldona,
Bardez-Goa 403508.

-----Appellant

-----Respondent

Shri Aravind Kumar H. Nair – State Chief Information Commissioner

Relevant facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	- 16-10-2023
PIO replied on	- 09-11-2023
First Appeal filed on	- 17-11-2023
First Appellate order on	- 22-12-2023
Second appeal received on	- 29-01-2024
Decision of the Second Appeal on	- 04-03-2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Devidas G. Panjekar filed an RTI application dated 16/10/2023 to the PIO, Village Panchayat, Aldona seeking certified copy of the status of the proposal/suggestion dated 21/01/2023 submitted by the Appellant to the Secretary, Village Panchayat Aldona for 07 facilities for the villagers like construction of public washroom, Panchayat Hearse Van, Panchayat Ambulance etc.
2. PIO vide letter dated 09/11/2023 replied to the Appellant requesting to clarify the point on which the Appellant is seeking information.
3. Being aggrieved by the reply of the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 17/11/2023 before the First Appellate Authority (BDO-II, Bardez Goa) praying for necessary directions to the Respondent PIO to furnish information sought vide RTI application dated 16/10/2023. FAA vide order dated 22/12/2023 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish information within 10 days as per Panchayat records.

4. Failing to receive the desired information inspite of the FAA's order dated 22/12/2023 giving directions to the Respondent PIO to furnish information within 10 days from the date of order, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 29/01/2024 before the Commission praying to direct the Respondent PIO to furnish information, impose penalty and recommend disciplinary action against the Respondent PIO.

Facts emerging in course of Hearing

5. Pursuant to the second appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 29/02/2024 for which Appellant appeared in person but Respondent PIO was absent. Thereafter, matter was not heard between March 2024 to September 2024, as the post of SCIC and SIC remained vacant.
6. The matter was taken up for hearing by the SCIC on 22/10/2024 but both Appellant and Respondent PIO remained absent. During the further hearing on 22/11/2024, Appellant was present but Respondent PIO remained absent inspite of sending notice for presence. When the matter took up again on 17/12/2024, Appellant did not turn up and the then Respondent PIO Navanya Goltekar appeared in person and sought time to file reply/information to the Appellant.
7. During the hearing today i.e. 04/03/2025, Appellant appeared in person and the representative of the Respondent PIO appeared with certified copy information to the Appellant as sought vide RTI application dated 16/10/2023 and provided the same to the Appellant before the Commission.
8. On receipt of the desired information, Appellant informed the Commission in writing that he is satisfied with the information furnished by the Respondent PIO and further requested to close the matter.

DECISION

As the Respondent PIO furnished desired information to the Appellant today, i.e. 04/03/2025 and the Appellant is satisfied with the information received from the Respondent PIO, Commission disposed off the Appeal No. 29/2024/SCIC today, 4th March 2025.

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

Sd/-

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