

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Appeal No.339/2025/SCIC

Mr. Shankar Satelkar,
H. No. 184/3(1), MG2,
Vishnu Building,
Mangueshi, Mardol Goa 403404

-----Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,
O/o. Member Secretary,
The Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority,
Patto, Panaji Goa.
2. The First Appellate Authority,
O/o. Member Secretary,
The Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority,
Patto, Panaji Goa.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	16/09/2025
PIO replied on	25/09/2025
First Appeal filed on	24/10/2025
First Appellate order on	-
Second appeal received on	23/12/2025
First Hearing	16/02/2026
Decided on	01/04/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Shankar Satelkar filed an application dated 16/09/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o. Member Secretary, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority seeking information at 08 points in respect to Case No. GCZMA/ILLE-Compl/2022/58.
2. In response to the RTI application, PIO, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority vide letter dated 25/09/2025 replied as under -

"With reference to your RTI application dated 16/09/2025, you are requested to appear in this office in person or through any authorised person on 03/10/2025 (11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.) to clarify and inspect the file and whatever documents which are available in file may please be identified so as to provide the same upon payment of requisite fees".

3. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 24/10/2025 before the First Appellate Authority praying for necessary directions to the Respondent PIO to furnish information sought vide application dated 16/09/2025.
4. Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 23/12/2025 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish information. Appellant further stated that First Appellate Authority has dishonoured the RTI Act, 2005 by not deciding in his first appeal till date.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 16/02/2026 for which Adv. Rupesh Naik present for Appellant and Adv. Deepti Shirodkar alongwith Shri. Santosh Volvoikar, APIO, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority appeared for the Respondent PIO. Representative of the Respondent PIO filed a bunch of documents along with the reply dated 12/02/2026 addressed to the Appellant which was accepted by the Advocate for the Appellant. Both the parties placed their partial argument before the Commission. On perusal of the reply furnished by the Respondent PIO, Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO's representative to file proper reply in accordance to the RTI application. Matter fixed for further hearing on 17/03/2026.
6. When matter took up for hearing on 17/03/2026, Adv. Rupesh Naik present for Appellant and Respondent PIO was represented by

Shri. Santosh Volvoikar, Head Clerk. Advocate for Appellant submitted before the Presiding Commissioner that the information (bunch of documents) was furnished by the Respondent PIO without proper indexing as per RTI application and Appellant is not satisfied with the information. Issued notice for physical presence of the Respondent PIO on the next date of hearing slated for 25/03/2026.

- 7.** Matter called for hearing on 25/03/2026 but none present for Appellant and Respondent PIO was represented by Adv. Wenfreda Gracias alongwith Shri. Santosh Volvoikar, Head Clerk. During the proceedings, Presiding Commissioner noticed that the information (documents) produced before the Commission by the Respondent PIO was not signed by the PIO though it was stamped. Directed Respondent PIO to file proper reply with duly signed enclosures on the next date of hearing slated for 01/04/2026.
- 8.** When matter took up for final hearing on 01/04/2025, Adv. Rupesh Naik present for Appellant and Adv. Wenfreda Gracias present for Respondent PIO. Complying with the oral direction of the Presiding Commissioner, Respondent PIO produced documents with signature and stamping of the Respondent PIO. Appellant's lawyer insisted for one more hearing on the ground that information to Point No. 1 of the RTI application (Next date of the hearing in the compliance before Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority after the hearing held in June, 2025) was not properly provided. Respondent PIO's lawyer submitted that if further clarification or information is required on any RTI queries Appellant is at liberty to visit the office of the PIO.
- 9.** Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO's lawyer to furnish details of the hearings before the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority as sought by the Appellant now itself. Accordingly Respondent PIO's lawyer furnished details of the date of hearings in Appellant's complaint before the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority from 18th June 2025 to the next date of hearing, 18th June 2026.

DECISION

Since the Respondent PIO furnished appropriate information to the Appellant and Respondent PIO's lawyer furnished dates of hearings in Appellant's matter before the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority from 18th June 2025 to 18th June 2026 (next date fixed for hearing), as sought by the Appellant after intervention by the Commission, present appeal doesn't warrant further hearings.

- 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