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**Appeal No.43/2024/SCIC**

Shri. Pravinsingh A. Shedgaonkar,  
R/o. H.No. 1615/2, Satyabhamakrishna,  
Malim, Betim, Bardez-Goa, 403101.  
v/s  
---Appellant

1.The Public Information Officer,  
Department of Industries,  
Secretariat, Porvorim- Goa.  
2.The First Appellate Authority,  
General Administration Department,  
Secretariat, Porvorim- Goa.  
-----Respondents

**Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal**

RTI application filed on	- 05-10-2023
PIO replied on	- 10-10-2023
First Appeal filed on	- 31-10-2023
First Appellate order on	- 20-11-2023
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	<b>- 08-02-2024</b>
<b>First hearing held on</b>	<b>- 17-01-2025</b>
<b>Decision in the Second Appeal on</b>	<b>- 28-02-2025</b>

**Information sought and background of the Appeal**

- Shri. Pravinsingh A. Shedgaonkar filed an RTI application dated 05/10/2023 to the PIO (Under Secretary),Department of Industries, Secretariat, Porvorim seeking following information:
  - Certified copies of guidelines declaring an area as Investment Promotional Area (IPA) under Goa IPB.*
  - Certified copies of list of document required to submit so as to declare an area an Investment Promotional Area under Goa IPB.*
- PIO (Shri. Praveen P. Singh, Section Officer), Department of Industries vide letter dated 10/10/2023 replied to the Applicant to collect the relevant documents as available, in the Department of Industries after paying an amount of Rs.34/-.

3. Aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 31/10/2023 to the First Appellate Authority, Joint Secretary (General Administration) stating that the PIO has denied information and also furnished wrong information. Appellant submitted that the information sought vide RTI application dated 05/10/2023 does not falls within the purview of Section 8 and 9 of the Act - Exemption from the disclosure of information and hence Respondent PIO should have furnished the information. Appellant prayed for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish information sought vide RTI application.
4. The FAA vide order dated 20/11/2023 dismissed the first appeal on the ground as under :
 

*"Both the parties heard in the matter. As per record, it is clear that the Respondent has furnished the information as per record available in his department. The contention of the Appellant that the information is denied to him cannot be considered."*
5. Aggrieved by the order dated 20/11/2023 of the FAA, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 08/02/2024 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish information, free of cost, recommendation of disciplinary action and training against both the Respondents, penalty on Respondents and suitable Compensation to the Appellant for the loss of time, sufferings and hardships undergone due to denial of information.

#### **FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING**

6. Pursuant to the second appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for first hearing on 17/01/2025 for which, Appellant and Respondent PIO appeared in person and copy of appeal memo was duly served to the Respondent PIO. Both the parties were present in person for the next hearing held on 11/02/2025. Appellant submitted that he received information pertaining to Point No.1 only and Respondent PIO submitted that information sought at Point No.2 is not available in his office as it is related to the Goa Investment Promotion Board. (Goa IPB). Based on this submission of the Respondent PIO, Commission directed

him to immediately transfer the application to the Goa IPB to provide the information directly to the Respondent PIO after obtaining the same from the PIO of Goa IPB on or before the next hearing slated for 27/02/2025.

7. Matter taken up for hearing on 27/02/2025. Respondent PIO appeared in person but Appellant duly informed the Commission about his inability to attend the hearing due to some unavoidable circumstances. Respondent PIO filed a written submission dated 27/02/2025 stating that as directed by the Chief Information Commissioner on 11/02/2025, PIO/Goa IPB was requested to provide information pertaining to Point No. 2 of RTI application and accordingly PIO/Goa IPB vide email dated 21/02/2025 forwarded complete information(list of document required to declare an area as IPA), as sought by the Appellant at Point No.2 in his RTI application Respondent PIO further submitted that a copy of the information to said point No. 2 received from the PIO/Goa IPB is furnished to the Appellant and requested to dispose off the present appeal on the ground of furnishing complete information to the Appellant.
8. On 28/02/2025, Appellant filed a written submission to the Commission that he is satisfied with the information provided by the Respondent PIO vide letter dated 21/02/2025.

### **DECISION**

**As the Respondent PIO furnished complete information to the Appellant vide letter dated 21/02/2025 and the Appellant is satisfied with the information received from the Respondent, Commission disposed off the matter today, i.e. 28/02/2025.**

- Proceedings in the present Appeal stands closed.
- Notify the parties.

**Sd/-**

**(ARAVINDKUMAR H. NAIR)**  
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC

