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Appeal No. 25/2025/SCIC

Mr. Rajkumar Raju Gadge,
Office No. 301,302 & 306,
3rdFloor, Commerce Centre Bldg,
Opp Old Mapusa Municipal Bldg,
Mapusa Goa 403507.

-----Appellant

V/s

1.The Public Information Officer,
Office of the Sub-Registrar of Bardez,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

2.First Appellate Authority,
District Registrar, North Goa,
Junta House, Panaji-Goa.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	- 07/06/2024
PIO replied on	- 02/07/2024
First Appeal filed on	- 29/07/2024
First Appellate order on	- 27/08/2024
Second appeal received on	- 17/01/2025
Decision of the Second Appeal on	- 09/06/2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Rajkumar Raju Gadge filed an application dated 07/06/2024 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Office of Sub-Registrar, Mapusa seeking following information :

"Kindly provide first inspection of sale deed/agreement of sale wherein property from Assagao, Bardez, Goa has been sold at the rate of Rs. One lakh to Rs. One Lakh Twenty Thousand per square metre and after inspection, attested copies of sale deed/agreement of sale as and what will be requested by me."

2. In response to the RTI application, PIO (Joint Civil Registrar Cum Sub Registrar, Bardez, II, Mapusa) vide letter dated 02/07/2024 replied as under :

"With reference to your application dated 07/06/2024, it is to inform you that with regard to Point No.3, the said information is not available in the records of this office. It is to inform you that kindly provide specific particulars such as Registration numbers, date of Registration etc. so as to enable this office to provide you the required information.

Alternatively, you may visit this office on any working days during office hours and inspect the available office records on payment of prescribed fees. Upon identifying the desired information, kindly intimate this office about the relevant information identified by you".

3. Aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 29/07/2024 before the First Appellate Authority (District Registrar, North Goa) praying for direction to the PIO to furnish requested information

4. The FAA vide order dated 27/08/2024 disposed the first appeal with the Judgement as mentioned below :

"Appellant present, Respondent Present. Appellant informed to inspect the Day Book and the year to be mentioned from which year he required to inspect the Book. Appellant informed to verify the Deeds for the year from 2022 till date. Respondent agreed hence the matter disposed off."

5. Subsequently, the Appellant preferred Second appeal dated 17/01/2025 before the Commission.

Facts Emerging in the Course of Hearing

6. Pursuant to the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 07/04/2025 for which Appellant appeared in person.

7. When the matter took up for hearing on 06/05/2025, Shri. Siddhesh Chari, LDC appeared on behalf of the Respondent PIO with authority letter. Appellant appeared in person. Authorised person of the Respondent PIO filed written reply dated 05/05/2025 of the Respondent PIO to the appeal with a copy to the Appellant.

8. Matter was called out for further hearing today i.e. 09/06/2025 for which Appellant and present PIO Shri. Piedade Dias appeared in person. After hearing the arguments placed before the Commission by the Appellant and present PIO, the Commission has come to the conclusion that the query raised by the Appellant can be addressed by the Respondent PIO by arranging inspection of the records and Appellant can obtain desired information after the inspection.

At this point, Respondent PIO agreed to provide inspection of records by the Appellant during the Second week of June 2025(June 16 to 20 2025) and Commission directed the Respondent PIO and the Appellant to fix a mutually convenient time and date for inspection of records.

Commission's Observation

- i. Perusal of records filed by the Appellant in the present appeal revealed that documents are not properly attached and the RTI application dated 07/06/2024 and the copy of the reply furnished by the PIO vide letter dated 02/07/2024, enclosed is not linked each other.
- ii. Appellant had sought inspection of sale deed/ agreement of sale of property at Assagao of Bardez-Goa sold @ Rs 1-1.25 lakh per sq.mt. Whereas the reply attached is "*there is no time limit/approval of documents as specified by you.*"
- iii. In response to the first appeal, FAA's order dated 27/8/2024 states that PIO is informed to handover the copies circular notification to the Appellant.
- iv. It appears that Appellant has adopted a very casual approach by enclosing documents not pertaining or relevant to his present appeal.
- v. Since the Appellant has filed two Second appeals, over two similar RTI application, Appellant is directed to ensure that the appeal is in order by properly arranging relevant documents particularly relevant reply to the RTI application and relevant order of FAA to the first appeal

and not to attach the reply or order of some other matters causing inconvenience to the Commission and wastage of precious time.

DECISION

With the direction to the Respondent PIO to arrange inspection of records by the Appellant at a mutually convenient time and date during the second week of June 2025 (June 16-20) and to furnish required information, free of cost, upon inspection, Commission disposed off the present appeal today i.e. 09/06/2025.

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.

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

Sd/-

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