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**Appeal No. 253/2025/SCIC**

Mr. Stalin Mendes,  
 H. No. 618/10,  
 Chinchnagar, Xeldem,  
 Quepem-Goa 403705.  
 V/s

-----Appellant

1. Public Information Officer,  
 Panchayat Secretary,  
 The Village Panchayat of Chandor-Cavorim,  
 Salcete-Goa 403714.

2. First Appellate Authority,  
 Block Development Officer (II) Salcete,  
 BDO Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
 Mathany Saldana complex,  
 Salcete South-Goa 403601.

-----Respondents

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

**Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal**

RTI application filed on	21/05/2025
PIO replied on	NIL
First Appeal filed on	22/07/2025
First Appellate order on	21/08/2025
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	<b>16/10/2025</b>
First Hearing held on	12/11/2025
<b>Decided on</b>	<b>26/11/2025</b>

**Information sought and background of the Appeal**

1. Mr. Stalin Mendes filed an application dated 21/05/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, V.P. of Chandor-Cavorim seeking following information:
  - i. *"Information as to the requirement set out and existing within your good office which are to be met by any person while demolishing a structure.*
  - ii. *Copies of all application filed for alteration of structure/reconstruction/renovation by Occupiers/representatives of H.No.82 and 82/1, Mena Cavorim, Chandor, Goa from 01/01/2024 till 21/05/2025.*

- iii. *Copies of all resolutions passed by your good office granting any license towards Point No. 2 above.*
- iv. *Copies of all communication issued by your good office including license/permissions/final approvals if any in furtherance of any resolutions passed by your good office as under Point No.3".*

2. Failing to receive any reply/information from the PIO to his RTI application dated 21/05/2025, Appellant filed first appeal dated 22/07/2025 before the First Appellate Authority.

3. FAA (BDO-II, Salcete) vide order dated 21/08/2025 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish copy of application filed by the occupiers of H. No. 82 and 82/1 for repair/renovation and also to furnish the certified copy of Resolution No.3 (7) to the Appellant, within 07 days of the issue of this order.

4. Subsequently, Appellant filed Second appeal dated 16/10/2025 before the Commission stating that the Respondent PIO (Secretary, V.P. Chandor-Cavorim) clubbed together his two RTI appeal orders and vide letter dated 25/08/2025 furnished incorrect/misleading information.

Appellant prayed that Respondent PIO be directed to furnish information sought under RTI application dated 21/05/2025.

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

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal by the Appellant, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 12/11/2025 for which Appellant was represented by Adv. Sangeeta Kaur and Respondent PIO present in person. Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to file proper reply/information to the RTI application of the Appellant. Matter adjourned to 26/11/2025.

6. When the matter took up for hearing on 26/11/2025, Respondent PIO present and Adv. Joshua Gracias appeared for Appellant. Complying with the direction issued by the Presiding Commissioner on 12/11/2025,

Respondent PIO filed a revised reply to the Appellant's RTI application. In the reply dated 26/11/2025, Respondent PIO submitted that :

- i. Upon the order passed by the FAA, directing the Respondent PIO to provide certified copy of Resolution No.3(7) to the Appellant, the Appellant approached the office of the PIO on 03/05/2025 and informed the PIO that he is not interested in the said resolution.
- ii. A letter dated 23/11/2024 and an e-mail dated November 21, 2024 received the V.P. Chandor from Beatriz Mendes, H. No. 86, Mena-Cavorim, Chandor mentioning about the discussion held by Beatriz Mendes and the Sarpanch, Chandor V.P. with the residents of H. No. 82 on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 regarding reconstruction of the wall etc.

7. The revised reply along with the enclosures of V.P. Resolution No. 3 (7), mail received by the Sarpanch, V.P. Chandor from Beatriz Mendes served to the Appellant's Advocate, who duly acknowledged the receipt of the information before the Commission on 26/11/2025.

**8. Respondent PIO however submitted neither he nor his office received any application from the occupier of H. No. 82 and 82/1, Mena- Cavorim for renovation/reconstruction.**

When the Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to furnish the same submission (non-receipt of House No. 82 and 82/1 from the occupiers) in writing to the Appellant, Respondent PIO submitted that he has been transferred and presently he is not PIO of Village Panchayat of Chandor-Cavorim.

### **DECISION**

**Based on the above submission by the Respondent PIO (then PIO and then Secretary V.P Chandor-Cavorim) and his revised reply dated 26/11/2025, Commission directed the Respondent PIO (then PIO) -**

- (i) **To brief the present PIO, V.P. Chandor-Cavorim to furnish in writing to the Appellant that the V.P. Chandor-Cavorim has not received any application from the occupiers of H. No. 82 and 82/1 for any repair/renovation/reconstruction.**
- (ii) **Directed the present PIO to furnish the same information (non-receipt of the application) to the Appellant within 10 days from the receipt of this order as the reply to that effect by the then PIO has no legal value at this juncture.**
- (iii) **Present PIO is directed to file compliance report to the Commission within 15 days from the receipt of this order.**

**Matter disposed with the above direction to the then and present PIO of Village Panchayat Chandor-Cavorim.**

- 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