

## GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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### Appeal No.303/2025/SCIC

Devidas G. Panjekar,  
Podwal, Khorjuem,  
Aldona,  
Bardez-Goa 403508.

----Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,  
Corporation of the City of Panaji,  
Panaji-Goa.

-----Respondent

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

### **Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal**

RTI application filed on	01/09/2025
PIO replied on	Nil
First Appeal filed on	06/10/2025
First Appellate order on	Nil
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	28/11/2025
<b>Remanded Back</b>	<b>20/01/2026</b>

### **FACTS IN BRIEF**

1. Failing to receive any reply/information from the PIO, Corporation of the City of Panaji to his RTI application dated 01/09/2025 and non-disposal of his first appeal dated 06/10/2025 by the FAA, Shri. Devidas Panjekar has approached the Goa State Information Commission by filing a Second appeal dated 28/11/2025 having the Public Information Officer, Corporation of the City of Panaji as Respondent.
2. When the matter took up for hearing on 20/01/2026, Appellant present but Respondent PIO absent. During the proceedings on 20/01/2026, Respondent PIO's lawyer filed written reply dated 20/01/2026 of Respondent PIO that "*the order in Appellant's first appeal was reserved by the FAA*".

3. With regards to first appeals, FAA should adhere to the Section 19 (6), of the RTI Act, 2005 and dispose of the appeal within thirty days of the receipt of the appeal or within such extended period not exceeding a total of forty-five days from the date of filing thereon, as the case may be, for reasons to be recorded in writing. Moreover, order passed by the FAA should be speaking order giving justification for the decision arrived at.

**Direction to the First Appellate Authority**

- i. **Under the above circumstances, the present matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority, Corporation of the City of Panaji to decide and pass a speaking order in the first appeal of Appellant dated 06/10/2025 within 15 days from the receipt of this order.**
  
- ii. **Compliance report and copy of the order should reach the Commission within 20 days.**

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