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Appeal No. 31/2025/SCIC

Rajesh R. Wadkar,
H. No. 118, St. Jerome Vaddo,
Xelpem, Duler,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

----Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,
St. Anthony High School,
Duler, Mapusa,
Bardez-Goa.

----Respondent

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	- 17/10/2024
PIO replied on	- 14/11/2024
First Appeal filed on	- 26/11/2024
First Appellate order on	- 06/01/2025
Second appeal received on	- 23/01/2025
Decision of the Second Appeal on	- 18/06/2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Rajesh R. Wadkar filed an application dated 17/10/2024 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, St. Anthony High School, Duler, Mapusa seeking following information in respect of the collection of Rs. 350/- from each student towards PTA fund :
 - i. "Kindly inform me the total amount of fund raised from each student @ Rs. 350/- towards PTA for the Academic year 2023-24.
 - ii. Kindly issue me certified copy of the expenditure statement with respect to the expenditure done through the said collected fund for the Academic year 2023-24."
2. In response to the RTI application dated 17/10/2024, PIO(Headmistress), St. Anthony High School, Duler, Mapusa, Goa vide letter dated 14/11/2024 replied as under :

" With reference to your letter dated 17/10/2024, kindly come and collect your RTI information on 16/11/2024 by paying necessary fee of Rs. 2/-".

3. Aggrieved by the reply furnished by the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 26/11/2024 before the First Appellate Authority (Dy. Director of Education, North Zone, Mapusa) stating that the information provided by the Respondent PIO is incomplete, wrong and not according to his RTI application. Appellant prayed for necessary order directing the Respondent PIO to furnish correct and complete information vide RTI application.
4. FAA (Dy. Director of Education, North Educational Zone) after hearing both the parties vide order dated 26/12/2024 directed the PIO of St. Anthony High School, Duler, Goa to provide information within 10 days to the Point No. 1 and 2 mentioned in the original RTI application dated 17/10/2024.
5. Following the FAA's order, Respondent PIO vide letter dated 06/01/2025 furnished information along with the expenditure statement for the year 2023-24 covering both the points in the RTI application dated 17/10/2024.
6. Subsequently, Appellant filed Second appeal dated 23/01/2025 stating that the Respondent PIO failed to provide the desired information inspite of First Appellate Authority vide order dated 26/12/2024 directing the PIO to provide information within 10 days.

Appellant prayed for recommending disciplinary action against the Respondent PIO for not providing information, impose penalty against the PIO and to direct the PIO to furnish information.

Facts Emerging in Course of Hearing

7. Pursuant to the present appeal filed by the Appellant, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 02/04/2025 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO appeared in person. Respondent PIO was directed to give clarification as sought by the Appellant on the information provided to the Appellant vide letter dated 06/01/2025. Matter fixed for further hearing on 07/04/2025 for which Appellant was present but Respondent PIO was absent. Matter adjourned to 18/06/2025.
8. When the matter took up for hearing today i.e. 18/06/2025, Respondent PIO appeared in person but none present for Appellant.

9. Respondent PIO filed before the Presiding Commissioner, the following details of the PTA fund collected during the Academic year 2023-24. The details includes :

- i. Total Number of students in the school.
- ii. Total Number of students in the school paid the PTA fund.
- iii. Total Number of students in the school who didn't pay the PTA fund.
- iv. Total Number of students who left the school.
- v. Total amount collected.
- vi. Total amount spent.
- vii. Total amount in hand.

The PTA amount details for the year 2023-24 filed by the PIO on PTA letter head is duly signed by the President and Treasurer of the PTA, St. Anthony's School, Duler, Mapusa, Goa.

10. The documents filed by the PIO in respect of PTA fund for 2023-24 includes:

- i. Details of amount collected from the students and the number of students paid/not paid.
- ii. Details of amount spent from the amount collected and balance amount.
- iii. Breakup of the amount despite in the bank.
- iv. South Indian Bank Ltd's statement of Account for the period from 01/06/2023 to 31/03/2024.

Commission's Observation

- i. In the present appeal dated 23/01/2025, Appellant submitted that First Appellate Authority has passed an appropriate order dated 26/12/2024 directing the Respondent to provide the information. However, the Respondent failed to provide the information.
- ii. FAA (Dy. Director of Education) vide order dated 26/12/2024 directed the PIO to provide information within 10 days of the order i.e. by 06/01/2025.
- iii. Perusal of documents clearly established that complying with the order of the FAA. PIO vide letter dated 06/01/2025 furnished information to the Appellant, who duly received the same by putting signature.

- iv. Now the Respondent PIO has furnished complete information to the RTI application of the Appellant by filing before the Presiding Commissioner four page details of the PTA amount received during the Academic year 2023 and the expenditure made.

DECISION

- i. **As the Respondent PIO has filed 04-page complete information in accordance to the RTI application of the Appellant dated 17/10/2024, Commission decided to dispose off the present appeal No. 31/2025/SCIC today i.e. 18/06/2025.**
- ii. **Since the Appellant/Representative remained absent for today's hearing, information (04 documents) submitted before the Commission by the PIO shall be attached with the order for the Appellant.**

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