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Appeal No.59/2025/SCIC

Shri. Pandurang N. Kubal,
H.No.467, Dessai Wada,
Pirna, Bardez-Goa 403513.
V/s

1.The Public Information Officer,
Village Panchayat Secretary,
Village Panchayat Aldona,
Bardez-Goa.

2.First Appellate Authority,
Block Development Officer-I,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

-----Appellant

-----Respondents

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

RelevantFacts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	19/08/2024
PIO replied on	NIL
First Appeal filed on	30/10/2024
First Appellate order on	22/11/2024
Second appeal received on	21/02/2025
Decided on	12/09/2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Pandurang N. Kubal filed an application dated 19/08/2024 under RTI Act 2005 to the PIO, Village Panchayat, Aldona seeking following information :

i. "Tender Notice published in Newspaper.

ii. Resolution copies of all the works.

iii. Measurement sheet of all the works as per Resolution.

iv. Technical sanction of all the works.

v. Abstract sheet of all the works.

vi. Status of all the works.

vii. Name and address of E.O.R.E and Assistant Engineer who prepared estimate and issued technical sanction.

viii. Date and amount of EMD released of all the work put to tender".

2. Failing to receive any reply/information to his RTI application, Appellant filed first appeal dated 30/10/2024 before the First Appellate Authority stating that the Respondent PIO has intentionally denied the information and prayed to call for records concerning the subject matter and direct the PIO to furnish desired information pertaining to Point No.8 of the RTI application.
3. FAA (BDO, Bardez) after hearing the parties to the first appeal vide order dated 22/11/2024 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish information within 10 days from the date of order (22/11/2024).
4. Subsequently, Appellant preferred Second appeal dated 21/02/2025 before the Commission stating that Respondent No.1 (PIO) failed to comply with the order passed by the FAA. Appellant prayed for direction to the PIO to furnish information.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 29/04/2025 for which Appellant present but none present for Respondent PIO. Issued notice to the Respondent PIO for his physical presence along with submission. In the subsequent hearing held on 26/05/2025 also, none present for Respondent PIO. Matter fixed for hearing on 17/06/2025.
6. When the matter called out for hearing on 17/06/2025, Appellant and then Respondent PIO (Shri. Rajat Narvekar) present. Respondent PIO filed reply to the RTI application along with bunch of certified documents. Appellant, however, was not satisfied with the reply and requested information (receipt) to Point No.8 of the RTI application.
7. Then Respondent PIO requested the Appellant to visit the office of the PIO to inspect the concerned files but Appellant insisted that the information need to be furnished before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Perusal of the reply filed by the Respondent PIO revealed that all the RTI queries have been replied by the Respondent PIO supported by documents. However, Appellant has submitted that the Respondent PIO has not furnished receipts which he sought at Point No.8 of the application.

8. Subsequently, Respondent PIO vide letter dated 18/06/2025 furnished copies of Receipt Numbers 72-85 along with HDFC Bank statement to the Appellant. Appellant submitted that he is not satisfied with the information furnished by the Respondent PIO. Matter fixed for further hearing on 12/09/2025.
9. During the course of final hearing, Respondent PIO's authorised person submitted that Respondent PIO has submitted all available information has been furnished to the Appellant and nothing more available in the office record to furnish the Appellant.

DECISION

Commission is of the opinion that barring one or two receipt copies other than of the Appellant, Respondent PIO has furnished all information sought by the Appellant vide RTI application dated 19/08/2024. Hence the present appeal disposed.

- Proceeding in the matter stand closed.
- 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

