

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Appeal No.171/2025/SCIC

Vidhyesh V. Pilgaonkar,
r/o. Bldg. A-2, Flat F-4,
Radha Estate Co-op Society,
St. Paul, Taleigao,
Tiswadi-Goa 403002.

----Appellant

V/s

1.Public Information Officer,
O/o. Dy. Suptd. of Police (HQ),
Margao-Goa 403601.

2.First Appellate Authority,
O/o. Superintendent of Police,
South District,
Margao-Goa 403601.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	22/01/2025
PIO replied on	17/02/2025
First Appeal filed on	10/04/2025
First Appellate order on	08/05/2025
Second appeal received on	30/07/2025
Decided on	29/01/2026

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Vidhyesh V. Pilgaonkar filed an application dated 22/01/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o. The Superintendent of Police, South Goa District seeking information at 08 points with six sub points each to Point No. 2 and 4 with regards to the Preliminary Enquiries conducted against the Goa Police Personnel for the period from 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2024, details of such enquiries concluded as "Proved" and recommendations made on such "Proved" matters.
2. In response to the RTI application, PIO (Dy. Suptd. of Police (HQ), South Goa, Margao vide letter dated 17/02/2025 replied as "Rejected u/s. 8(1)(j) of RTI Act, 2005 and as per order dated 03/10/2012 of the

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 27734 of 2012 in Girish Ramachandra Deshpande V/s Central Information Commissioner and others" to Point No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05 and 06 of the RTI application.

With regards to the information sought at Point No. 7 and 8 of the RTI application, PIO replied that *"Information sought by the Appellant is not available in Estt. Section of the Office of Superintendent of Police, South Goa, Margao"*.

3. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 10/04/2025 before the First Appellate Authority requesting to provide sought information.
4. Partly allowing the first appeal filed by the Appellant, FAA (Superintendent of Police, South Goa) vide order dated 08/05/2025 *"directed the Respondent PIO to check the records of Estt. section, O/o. S. P. South, Margao once again pertaining to therequest of the Appellant at Point No. 07 and 08 and to furnish reply afresh inrespect of Point No. 01, 04, 07 and 08 of the application dated 22/01/2025 under RTI Act within ten days of receipt of this order, free of cost. Request of the Appellant inrespect of Point No. 02, 03, 05 and 06 is rejected"*.
5. Pursuant to the order of the First Appellate Authority, Respondent PIO vide letter dated 28/05/2025 furnished part information to the Appellant.
6. Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 30/07/2025 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish complete information to the 08 point RTI application dated 22/01/2025.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

7. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 17/09/2025 for which Appellant present but none present for Respondents. Matter posted to 14/10/2025.
8. In the subsequent two hearings (October 10 and November 17, 2025) also, Appellant present but none present for Respondents inspite of serving notice for the physical presence of the Respondent PIO. Following the absence of the Respondent PIO for the third consecutive hearing (September 14, October 10 and November 17, 2025) letter issued to the Superintendent of Police, South Goa, who is First Appellate Authority too in the present matter, intimating the absence of Respondent PIO or authorised representative for the hearing. Matter adjourned to 09/12/2025.
9. When matter called out on 09/12/2025 for further hearing, Appellant present and APIO Smt. Madhuri Desai (Head Clerk) appeared for the Respondent PIO alongwith two other UDCs. Respondent PIO filed written submission with an additional copy to the Appellant. The written submission contained year-wise figures of the Departmental Enquiries (DEs) initiated by the Office of Superintendent of Police, South Goa from the year 2007 to 2024. Presiding Commissioner gave oral direction to the Respondent PIO to file appropriate reply/information in accordance to the Appellant's RTI application dated 22/01/2025 on the next date of hearing slated for 29/01/2026.
10. When matter called out for final hearing on 29/01/2026, Appellant present and APIO (Smt. Madhuri Desai) present for Respondent PIO along with two UDCs viz. Shri. Ritesh Lakanpuri and Shri. Ulhas Desai.
11. In compliance to the oral direction dated 09/12/2025 of the Presiding Commissioner, Respondent PIO filed revised reply/information

dated 28/01/2026 covering all the 08 points in the RTI application with an additional copy to the Appellant.

Information furnished by the Respondent PIO in respect of the DEs, conducted by the O/o. the Superintendent of Police, South Goa against 52 Goa Police Personnel during the years 2007 to 2024 contains details of the Preliminary Inquiry officers, date of PE initiated, date of PE report submitted and final action on the PE report. However, the data does not contain the name and designation of the Goa Police Personnel against whom PE was initiated.

12. When representatives of the Respondent PIO submitted that name and designation of the Goa Police Personnel against whom PE was initiated is not furnished as it would expose their identity. Presiding Commissioner clarified that in a similar matter of the Appellant, PIO, O/o. the Admn. Branch, PHQ, has furnished details of 121 Goa Police Personnel against whom PE has been initiated. Since the sought information is for the personal consumption of the Appellant, who is also an Officer of the Goa Police, and not for Public consumption, there is nothing objectionable in furnishing the name and designation of the Goa Police Personnel related to the 52 PEs reported for the period 2007-2024.

DECISION

Commission directed the Respondent PIO -

- i. To furnish name and designation of the 52 Goa Police Personnel against whom PEs have been conducted by the office of the Superintendent of Police, South Goa, Margao during the period 2007 to 2024.**
- ii. Furnish revised information to the Appellant within 10 days from the receipt of this order by adding an additional column to the details of 52 PEs furnished to the Appellant vide letter dated 28/01/2026.**

File compliance report to the Commission within 15 days from receipt of this order.

- 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