

## **GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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### **Appeal No.175/2025/SCIC**

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

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V/s

1.Public Information Officer,  
O/o. Office Superintendent,  
Admn. Branch, DGP's Office,  
PHQ, Panaji-Goa 403001.

2.First Appellate Authority,  
O/o. Director (Admin),  
DGP's Office, PHQ,  
Panaji-Goa 403001

-----Respondents

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

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

RTI application filed on	13/01/2025
PIO replied on	11/02/2025
First Appeal filed on	24/03/2025
First Appellate order on	05/05/2025
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	<b>30/07/2025</b>
<b>Decided on</b>	<b>29/01/2026</b>

### **Information sought and background of the Appeal**

1. Shri. Vidhyesh V. Pilgaonkar filed an application dated 13/01/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o. Goa Police Headquarters, Panaji seeking information at eight (08) points including information at 06 sub points each to the Point No. 02 and 04 of the RTI application.
2. In response to the RTI application, PIO Office Superintendent, Admn. Branch of the Office of DGP vide letter dated 11/02/2025 replied as under:

<i>"Point No. 01</i>	<i>The information sought by you does not come under the provision of 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.</i>
<i>Point No. 02</i>	
<i>Point No. 04</i>	
<i>Point No. 05</i>	
<i>Point No. 03</i>	<i>The information sought by you is exempted from disclosure u/s 8(i)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and as per Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Girish Ramachandra Deshpande V/s Central Information Commission and others.</i>
<i>Point No. 06</i>	
<i>Point No. 07</i>	<i>No specific guidelines are available in this office.</i>
<i>Point No. 08</i>	<i>Information sought by you is not available in this office."</i>

3. Being aggrieved by the reply/information received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 24/03/2025 before the First Appellate Authority.
4. First Appellate Authority (O/o. Director (Admn), DGP's office) vide order dated 05/05/2025 dismissed the first appeal upholding the reply/information furnished by the Respondent PIO vide letter dated 11/02/2025.
5. Subsequently, Appellant preferred Second Appeal dated 30/07/2025 before the Commission stating that the reply furnished by the Respondent PIO is vague, evasive and is violation of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. Appellant prayed for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish complete and accurate information to the 08-point RTI Application and impose penalty on Respondent PIO u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act for furnishing evasive and misleading reply.

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

6. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal by the Appellant, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 17/09/2025 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Respondent PIO filed written submission dated 17/09/2025 with an additional copy to the Appellant which contains the reply vide letter dated 11/02/2025 furnished to the Appellant's RTI application.

7. During the proceedings, Respondent PIO orally submitted before the Presiding Commissioner that files are not routed through her and APIO Shri. Mukund Menkurkar, Head Clerk, is incharge of the same. Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to obtain sought information from the said APIO, who looks after departmental enquiry, and file proper point-wise reply.
8. Registry issued notice to the presence of APIO, Shri. Mukund Menkurkar for the next date of hearing slated for 14/10/2025 and directed the Respondent PIO to provide a copy of the appeal memo to the APIO.
9. When the matter took up for further hearing on 14/10/2025, Appellant present and Respondent PIO present alongwith the APIO, Shri. Mukund Menkurkar. Respondent PIO filed written submission dated 14/10/2025 alongwith bunch of documents meant for the Appellant. On written submission, Respondent PIO stated that :
  - i) With regard to Point No. 1 of the RTI application, information from year 2013 till date is available in the office records and the same would be furnished to the Appellant.
  - ii) Information in respect of Point No. 02, 03, 04, 05 and 06, APIO submitted that information sought is not maintained in the form/format as requested by the Appellant.
  - iii) With regard to Point No. 07, APIO's reply stated that there are no specific guidelines available in the office record. Alongwith the written submission, Respondent PIO filed copy of the file/notings pertaining to the suspension of the Appellant placed before the DIG/HQ for approval and signature being Disciplinary Authority.
10. Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to file proper point-wise reply to the RTI application to which APIO requested for a longer date. Acceding to the request, matter adjourned to 17/11/2025.

11. Matter took up for hearing on 17/11/2025 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO present. Respondent PIO filed written submission requesting additional time of 30 days to furnish proper reply to the Appellant.
12. Granting the request, matter posted to 18/12/2025 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO present. In compliance to the Presiding Commissioner's direction, Respondent PIO filed revised information containing details of Preliminary Enquiries conducted from the year 2013 till date.
13. Since the Appellant found not fully satisfied with the information furnished by the Respondent PIO vide letter dated 18/12/2025, Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to furnish brief background of the P.E conducted against 121 Goa Police Officers mentioned in the fresh reply and the final outcome/action on the P.E. Matter adjourned to 29/01/2026.
14. When matter called out for final hearing on 29/01/2026, Appellant and Respondent PIO present.

Complying the oral direction issued by the Presiding Commissioner, Respondent PIO filed written submission dated 29/01/2026 with copy to the Appellant enclosing details of the Preliminary Enquiries conducted against 121 of Goa Police Personnel, names and designation of the Enquiring Officers, Date of P.E initiated, Date of Enquiry Report submitted and the order as well as the punishment awarded to the officers found guilty after the P.E.

### **DECISION**

**Since the Respondent PIO has furnished the sought information except the brief background of the P.Es against 121 Goa Police Personnel to the Appellant vide letter dated 29/01/2026, Commission decided to dispose the present appeal.**

- 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