

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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**Appeal No. 213/2025/SCIC
&
Appeal No. 215/2025/SCIC**

Savio Suraj Victoria,
H. No. 28, Khairikatem,
Sanguem-Goa 403704.

----Appellant

V/s

1.Public Information Officer,
Miracles High School,
Sanguem-Goa 403704.

2.First Appellate Authority,
The Central Education Zone,
Directorate of Education,
Panaji-Goa 403001.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeals

Particulars of Appeal	A/213/2025/SCIC	A/215/2025/SCIC
RTI application filed on	17/03/2025	08/04/2025
PIO replied on	19/03/2025	10/04/2025
First Appeal filed on	24/04/2025	30/05/2025
First Appellate order on	12/06/2025	25/06/2025
Second appeal received on	10/09/2025	10/09/2025
Decided on	03/02/2026	03/02/2026

Information sought and background of the Appeals

1. Shri. Savio Suraj Victoria filed an application dated 17/03/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Miracle High School, Sanguem, Goa seeking information at 12 points regarding implementation of NEP in Miracles High School, Sanguem, Goa.
2. Shri. Savio Suraj Victoria filed another application dated 08/04/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Miracles High School, Sanguem seeking information (certified copies of documents) at 3 points with regards to the implementation of NEP in Miracles High School, Sanguem, Goa.

3. In response to the RTI application dated 17/03/2025, PIO (Headmistress), Miracles High School, Sanguem vide letter dated 19/03/2025 replied that the RTI application is under process and shall be decided within the stipulated period envisaged under RTI Act.
4. In response to the RTI application dated 08/04/2025, PIO (Headmistress), Miracles High School, Sanguem vide letter dated 10/04/2025 replied that the RTI application is under process and shall be decided within the stipulated period envisaged under RTI Act.
5. Subsequently, Appellant filed first appeal dated 24/04/2025 and 30/05/2025 in RTI application dated 17/03/2025 and 08/04/2025 respectively before the First Appellate Authority, Central Educational Zone, Panaji, Goa.
6. In the first appeal dated 24/04/2025, First Appellate Authority (Dy. Director of Education, Central Education Zone, Panaji) vide order dated 12/06/2025 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish available information to the Appellant.
7. In other first appeal dated 30/05/2025 also, First Appellate Authority vide order dated 25/06/2025 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish available information to the Appellate, free of cost.
8. Subsequently, Respondent PIO vide letter dated 19/07/2025 intimated the Appellant *"to visit the Miracles School between 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. on 24/07/2025 to inspect the information sought by and after inspection sought inspection will be officially given on another date"*.
9. Subsequently, Appellant preferred two second appeals dated 10/09/2025 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish sought information, free of cost, impose penalty and initiate appropriate action against Respondent PIO for failing to comply with the order passed by the First Appellate Authority.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

10. Pursuant to the filing of two second appeals on identical subjects by the Appellant, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 22/10/2025 for which none present for Appellant but Adv. Samuel Abraham present for Respondent PIO. Thereafter three hearings held in the matter on 13/11/2025, 07/01/2026 and 29/01/2026 for which Adv. Avinash Nasnodkar present for Appellant and Adv. Samuel Abraham for Respondent PIO.
11. During the hearing on 29/01/2026, Respondent PIO's counsel orally submitted that information sought by the Appellant was kept ready and Appellant was informed to collect the same from the office of the Respondent PIO. Presiding Commissioner directed the counsel of the Respondent PIO to furnish the information to the Appellant before the Commission on the next date of hearing, 03/02/2026.
12. When matter took up for hearing on 03/02/2026, Appellant and Respondent PIO present along with their lawyers.
13. Complying the oral direction of the Presiding Commissioner, Respondent PIO furnished information, voluminous in nature, to the Appellant in accordance to his RTI applications dated 17/03/2025 and 08/04/2025 to the full satisfaction of the Appellant, who however reiterated his prayer for imposing penalty against the Respondent PIO for not furnishing information to his original RTI application and even after the order was passed by the First Appellate Authority.
14. Respondent PIO however submitted that information could not furnish within the stipulated time frame because the sought information is voluminous in nature. Hence, Appellant was requested to inspect the records/documents/files first and to specify the information required. However, Appellant refused to inspect the record/files.

DECISION

- (i) Since the Respondent PIO has furnished complete information as sought by the Appellant vide RTI applications dated 17/03/2025 and 08/04/2025 after the intervention by the Presiding Commissioner, Commission decided to dispose the matter.
- (ii) Commission could not find any sufficient ground to impose penalty against the Respondent PIO, as the delay in furnishing information was primarily due to its voluminous nature.
- (iii) However, Commission hereby warn the Respondent PIO to ensure that RTI applications are processed with the seriousness it deserves and furnish the information within the stipulated time limit. If the sought information is voluminous in nature needing more than 30 days to prepare/gather/collect, furnish part information within the time frame and furnish remaining information as early as possible.
- 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