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Appeal No. 247/2025/SCIC

Luel Fernandes,
136, Cotta Chandor,
Salcete-Goa 403714.
V/s

-----Appellant

Public Information Officer,
Office of The Town and Country Planning,
Osia Complex,
Fatorda, Margao-Goa.

---Respondent

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

Relevant facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	25/06/2025
PIO replied on	NIL
First Appeal filed on	06/09/2025
First Appellate order on	NIL
<i>Second appeal received on</i>	09/10/2025
<i>First Hearing on</i>	03/11/2025
<i>Decided on</i>	03/11/2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Luel Fernandes filed an application dated 25/06/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Town and Country Planning Department, Margao seeking *"Attested copy of Land use Zone information of Survey No.19/0 of Chandor Village, Salcete Goa and attested copy form about the date the area under 47/1 of Cavorim Village was converted to settlement zone"*.
2. Failing to get any reply/information from the PIO to his RTI application, Appellant filed first appeal dated 06/09/2025 before the First Appellate Authority stating that Respondent PIO has not responded to his RTI application till date.
3. Subsequently, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 09/10/2025 before the Commission stating that his RTI application was not responded by the PIO and the FAA failed to hear first appeal. Appellant

prayed that Respondent PIO be directed to furnish information and impose penalty on Respondent PIO for not attending his RTI application.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

4. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 03/11/2025 for which Respondent PIO present but Appellant absent.

Respondent PIO filed written submission stating that the sought information has been dispatched to the Appellant by post vide letter dated 31/10/2025. Respondent PIO further submitted that the information provided to the Appellant vide letter dated 31/10/2025 includes :

- i. Color copy of the zone map containing Survey No.19, Sub Div-1, Village Chandor, Salcete Taluka, South Goa (Point No.1) and
- ii. Gazette Notification Series III No.29 dated 20th October 2011 (in respect of Point No.2).

Moreover, the letter dated 31/10/2025 addressed to the Appellant by the Respondent PIO clearly narrated that plot bearing Survey No.19/0, Chandor Village of Salcete Taluka is earmarked in the Regional Plan for Goa 2021 as Orchard Zone and partly under settlement zone (VP2) having permissible FAR 60.

With regard to Point No.2 (about Survey No.47/1 of Cavorim Village) the said letter specified that area under Survey No.47/1 of Cavorlim Village of Salcete taluka is earmarked as partly cultivable land and partly Orchard Zone as per Regional Plan for Goa 2001, Whereas as per Regional Plan for Goa 2021, the said plot is earmarked as Settlement Zone.

DECISION

- i. **Since the Respondent PIO has furnished (vide letter dated 31/10/2025) complete information supported by colour copy of land zone and copy of Gazette Notification to the Appellant free of cost, nothing more lies in the present appeal warranting intervention by the Commission. Hence the present appeal disposed off and proceedings stand closed.**
- ii. **Copy of the order to the Appellant shall contain the copy of the written submission of the Respondent PIO dated 03/11/2025 and copy of the letter dated 31/10/2025 addressed to the Appellant by the Respondent PIO furnishing the information supported by the documents to the Appellant RTI application dated 25/06/2025.**
 - 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