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Appeal No.277/2025/SCIC

Vaibhavi Shripad Naik,
H.No.1274/4, Auchit Wado,
Tivim, Bardez-Goa 403502.

----- Appellant

V/s

1.The Public Information Officer,
Dy. Director(Admn),
Institute of Psychiatry & Human Behaviour,
Bambolim-Goa 403202.

2.The First Appellate Authority,
Institute of Psychiatry & Human Behaviour,
Bambolim-Goa 403202.

----- Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	05/06/2025
PIO replied on	12/06/2025
First Appeal filed on	23/06/2025
First Appellate order on	31/10/2025
Second appeal received on	06/11/2025
First hearing held on	17/12/2025
Decided on	14/01/2026

Information sought and background of the Appeal

- Miss. Vaibhavi Shripad Naik filed an application dated 05/06/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Institute of Psychiatry & Human Behaviour, (IPHB), Bambolim seeking information at 14 points in connection with the recent appointment of a Counsellor on Honorary basis at the IPHB, Bambolim.
- In response to the RTI application, PIO, IPHB, Bambolim vide letter dated 12/06/2025 replied to the Appellant mentioning either 'NIL' or 'Not available' as reply to most of the RTI queries.

3. Being aggrieved by the reply/information furnished by the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 23/06/2025 before the First Appellate Authority.
4. FAA (Director/Dean, IPHB, Bambolim) vide order dated 31/10/2025 directed the Respondent PIO to furnish the required information to the Appellant within 15 days from the receipt of the order.
5. Subsequently, Appellant preferred Second appeal dated 06/11/2025 before the Commission stating that Respondent PIO did not respond to majority of her RTI queries despite an order passed by the FAA directing the Respondent PIO to furnish information within 15 days.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

6. Pursuant to the present appeal filed by the Appellant, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 17/12/2025 for which Appellant present and Respondent PIO was represented by Shri. Seby M. Dias, Head Clerk, who filed reply of Respondent No.1 (PIO) and Respondent No.2 (FAA) to the appeal memo. After hearing the oral submissions placed before the Presiding Commissioner by the parties to the Appeal, Respondent PIO's representative was directed to furnish revised point-wise information to the Appellant and matter fixed for further hearing on 14/01/2026.
7. When the matter called out on 14/01/2026, Appellant present and Respondent PIO was represented by Shri. Seby M. Dias (Head Clerk) who filed revised point-wise reply in compliance to the oral direction issued by the Presiding Commissioner on 17/12/2025.

Perusal of revised point-wise reply/information filed by the Respondent PIO's authorised person with an additional copy to the Appellant revealed that Respondent PIO has furnished information to all the 14 RTI queries of the Appellant.

However, Presiding Commissioner felt that the reply/information furnished to RTI Query No.04 and 08 need some more clarity and need to be addressed by the Respondent PIO.

DECISION

Even though Respondent PIO has furnished adequate information to 14-point RTI application dated 05/06/2025 in the revised point-wise reply dated 13/01/2026, information furnished to RTI Query No.4 and 8 deserve some more clarity.

Hence, the Respondent PIO is directed to furnish revised point-wise reply by giving value addition to the information furnished vide letter dated 13/01/2026 within seven days from the date of order i.e. 14/01/2026.

- 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