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Appeal No. 287/2025/SCIC

Ms. Atika Y. A Khan,
 H. No. 407/K, Matimorod,
 Sao Jose De Areal,
 Salcete-Goa.

----Appellant

V/s

1. First Appellate Authority,
 Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law
 At Shree Damodar Educational Campus,
 G.R. Kare Road, Tansor-Comba,
 Margao, Salcete-Goa 403601.

2. The Public Information Officer,
 Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law
 At Shree Damodar Educational Campus,
 G.R. Kare Road, Tansor-Comba,
 Margao, Salcete-Goa 403601.

3. Dr. Maria Goretti Simoes,
 Officiating Principal and First Appellate Authority,
 Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law
 At Shree Damodar Educational Campus,
 G.R. Kare Road, Tansor-Comba,
 Margao, Salcete-Goa 403601.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	07/07/2025
PIO replied on	01/08/2025
First Appeal filed on	05/08/2025
First Appellate order on	01/09/2025
Second appeal received on	12/11/2025
First hearing held on	09/12/2025
Decided on	05/01/2026

Information sought and background of the Appeal

1. Ms. Atika Y. A. Khan filed an application dated 07/07/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao seeking following information pertaining to the advertisement for the post of Assistant Professor in Law at Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law :

- (a) *"Copy of application submitted by Atika Y. A. Khan.*
- (b) *Copies of the applications and the documents enclosed thereto submitted by all applicants for the post of Assistant Professor in Law for LLB Degree and LLM.*
- (c) *Copy of merit list prepared for interview.*
- (d) *Copy of the list of selected candidates from the final merit list.*
- (e) *Copy of the experience certificate of Ms. Atika Y.A. Khan who is working in Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law for the past 02 years".*

2. In response to the RTI application, PIO vide letter dated 01/08/2025 replied as under:

- a) *"Copies to be collected from the college office.*
- b) *Information is exempted from disclosure u/s. 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act 2005.*
- c) *Not applicable.*
- d) *Question lacks clarity.*
- e) *Copies to be collected from the college office".*

3. Being aggrieved by the reply/information received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 05/08/2025 before the First Appellate Authority.

4. FAA (Principal, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law) vide order dated 01/09/2025 disposed the appeal without any direction to the Respondent PIO.

5. Subsequently, Appellant preferred Second appeal dated 12/11/2025 before the Commission praying that the impugned order dated 01/09/2025 of FAA be quashed and set aside, Respondent PIO be directed to furnish sought information free of cost and impose penalty on Respondents for violation of the RTI Act 2005.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

6. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 09/12/2025 for which Appellant present along with her lawyer Adv. Aurobindo G. Pereira and Respondent PIO

present in person. Copy of the appeal memo duly served to the Respondent PIO, who assured to file reply on the next date of hearing slated for 05/01/2026.

7. Matter took up for further hearing on 05/01/2025 for which Appellant and Respondents (PIO & FAA) present. Appellant's lawyer appeared later.

During the course of proceedings, Respondent PIO filed written submission dated 05/01/2026 supported by information to the Appellant. Respondent PIO further submitted that information pertaining to RTI query (a) and (e) of the RTI application has already been furnished to the Appellant.

Pertaining to RTI query at (b), Respondent PIO submitted that information was denied as it contains personal information of the applicants/candidates and with regard to RTI query (c), no merit list was prepared for interview as all the applicants have been called for interview. Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to give reply to the Appellant furnishing the same fact.

DECISION

After hearing parties to the present appeal and based on the Respondent PIO's written submission dated 05/01/2026, Commission decided to dispose the present matter with the following directions:

I. To the Respondent PIO

- i. Since Respondent PIO has already furnished information pertaining to RTI query (a) and (e), furnish revised reply/information pertaining to RTI query (b), (c) and (d) within five days from today (05/01/2026, date of order in the present appeal).
- ii. With regard to RTI query (b), furnish only copies of applications and educational qualification documents submitted by the candidates.

- iii. Since no merit list was prepared as all applied candidates have been called for interview, furnish reply to that effect to the Appellant.
- iv. Even though list of selected candidates has been provided to the Appellant, furnish fresh list of selected candidates mentioning educational qualification against the name of each selected candidates.
- v. File compliance report to the Commission within 10 days from the date of order (05/01/2026).

II. To the Appellant

- i. Collect the above said information from the office of the Respondent PIO within 05 days from the date of order i.e. 05/01/2026.
 - 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