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**Appeal No. 81/2025/SCIC**

Nazario Savio Paul D’Souza,  
550/A/S2, Cortez Apartments,  
Ubo Dando, St. Cruz,  
Tiswadi-Goa 403005. -----Appellant

V/s

1.Assistant Registrar(T) PIO,  
Goa University,  
Taleigao Plateau,  
Goa 403206.

2.Prof. Jivan Parab/FAA,  
Goa University,  
Taleigao Plateau,  
Goa 403206. -----Respondents

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

**Relevant facts Emerging from the Appeal**

RTI application filed on	30/09/2024
PIO replied on	23/10/2024
First Appeal filed on	28/11/2024
First Appellate order on	11/12/2024
<b>Second appeal received on</b>	<b>01/04/2025</b>
<b>Decided on</b>	<b>13/10/2025</b>

**Information sought and background of the Appeal**

1. Shri. Nazario D’Souza filed an application dated 30/09/2024 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Goa University seeking information at 30 points in respect of Smt. Shaila D’Souza of Centre for Women’s Studies, Goa University.
2. In response to the RTI application, PIO vide letter dated 23/10/2024 replied to the Appellant as under :

*“The requested information may be collected from the office of the undersigned upon payment of Rs.8/- through SBI collect towards photocopy charges containing 04 pages”.*

3. Thereafter, vide letter dated 13/11/2024, PIO furnished point-wise reply to the 30 point RTI application as under :

<i>" Point No. 1,2 and 3</i>	<i>Third party information cannot be provided under Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005.</i>
<i>Point No.4</i>	<i>Information is enclosed as Annexure-I (01 page).</i>
<i>Point No.5</i>	<i>Information is enclosed as Annexure-II (01 page).</i>
<i>Point No.6,7,8,9 and 10</i>	<i>Not Applicable.</i>
<i>Point No.11,16 and 21</i>	<i>Information sought is in the form of questionnaire and does not come under the purview of RTI Act.</i>
<i>Point No.1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22</i>	<i>Not Applicable.</i>
<i>Point No.23</i>	<i>Copy of appointment order as Dear, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and public policy is enclosed as Annexure-III (01 page).</i>
<i>Point No. 24</i>	<i>For information kindly refer statute SA 42.4 on Goa University website.</i>
<i>Point No. 25</i>	<i>Third party information cannot be provided u/s. 11 of the RTI Act, 2005.</i>
<i>Point No. 26</i>	<i>Copy of file notings of appointment as Dean, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and public policy is attached as Annexure IV (01 page).</i>
<i>Point No. 27</i>	<i>The names of the selection committee are confidential in nature as per Section 8(g) of the RTI Act. Hence the information cannot be given.</i>
<i>Point No. 28, 29 and 30</i>	<i>Third party information cannot be provided under Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005 ".</i>

4. Subsequently, Appellant filed first appeal dated 28/11/2024 before the First Appellate Authority stating that Respondent PIO has furnished misleading information on some RTI queries and furnished incomplete information to the rest of the points. Appellant in his first appeal prayed that Respondent PIO be directed to furnish information u/s.7(6) to the points 1, 2, 3, 25, 28, 29 and 30 and also points 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22 within a reasonable time.
5. First Appellate Authority (Prof. Jivan S. Parab) vide order dated 11/12/2024 directed the Respondent PIO (Assistant Registrar, Administration/Teaching) to provide proper reply to the Appellant's RTI query numbers 6,7,8,10,12,13,14,15,17,18,19,20 and 22.
6. In pursuant to the order dated 11/12/2024 passed by the FAA, Respondent PIO vide letter dated 20/12/2024 furnished fresh reply/information in respect of RTI query numbers 6,7,8,10,12,13,14,15,17,18,19,20 and 22 to the Appellant.
7. Appellant subsequently preferred Second appeal dated 01/04/2025 before the Commission stating that complying with the order passed by the FAA, information has been provided by the Respondent PIO to the RTI query numbers 6,7,8,10,12,13,14,15,17,18,19,20 and 22 but no information has been provided to some other queries of the same RTI application. Appellant in his Second appeal prayed that Respondent PIO be directed to furnish information sought at point numbers 1, 2, 3, 25, 28, 29 and 30 (third party information) and also to point numbers 11,16 and 21 (which is in questionnaire form) within reasonable time.

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

8. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 10/06/2025 for which Appellant present but Respondent PIO absent. Adv. V. Salkar appeared for Respondent PIO and filed reply to the appeal filed by the Appellant. Respondent PIO

in the written reply to the appeal stated that personal information of the third party (Prof. Shaila D'Souza) could not be provided as the party did not give her consent. Matter adjourned to 09/07/2025 for further hearing.

9. When the matter took up for hearing on 09/07/2025, Appellant present and Adv. A. Agni appeared for Respondent PIO. Appellant filed written submission to the PIO's reply dated 10/06/2025 to the Appeal Memo. Appellant submitted that there is no personal interest involved in the information sought vide application dated 30/09/2024 and in fact larger public interest is involved in the disclosure of the information in order to maintain transparency and probity in the recruitment process.
10. In the subsequently held two hearings (August 6 and 20, 2025) Appellant present and Respondent PIO's lawyer appeared alongwith Legal Assistant of Goa University. Since the Appellant submitted on 20/08/2025 that he is not prepared for argument, matter posted for arguments on 09/10/2025. The matter subsequently postponed to 13/10/2025 for final argument/order.
11. Matter took up for final argument on 13/10/2025 for which Appellant present and Adv. R. Bhatkar appeared for Respondent PIO along with Sneha Talkar, Legal Assistant, Goa University. During the hearings, Appellant submitted that direction be given to the Respondent PIO to furnish information sought at Point No.1,2,3,25,28,29 and 30 of his RTI application dated 30/09/2024.

Point No.1, 2 and 3 of the RTI application is about the certified copy of Degree, Post-Graduation and PhD certificates of Prof. Shaila D'Souza and at Point No.25, 28, 29 and 30 appellant sought proof of qualification/experience of Prof. Shaila D'Souza, academic record of Bachelor's degree, Masters degree and PhD degree which are in fact repetition of the information sought at Point No.1, 2 and 3 and hence there is no relevance to the RTI queries mentioned at Point No.25,28,29 and 30 of the RTI application.

In addition to the above points, Appellant submitted that no information was furnished to him by the Respondent to the Point No.11,16 and 21 of the RTI application on the ground that they were in the form of question. All these 03 questions are identical in nature asking whether Prof. Shaila D'Souza's appointment to the post of lecture/Assistant professor at the Centre for Women's Studies, Goa University was direct recruitment or promotion. On the instruction of the Presiding Commissioner, the legal Assistant, who appeared along with the lawyer for the Respondent PIO, clarified the Appellant appropriately to these 03 RTI queries.

### **DECISION**

Based on the ground of the Appeal and prayer of the Appellant in the present appeal, submissions as well as arguments placed before the Commission by the parties to the appeal and the perusal of the material available before the Commission in connection with the present appeal, **Commission has come to the conclusion that the Educational Qualification Certificates (of Degree, Masters and PhD) submitted to the Goa University by Prof. Shaila D'Souza at the time of joining as a member of teaching faculty at Goa University is in the possession of Goa University and it cannot be denied to the Appellant claiming as the personal information of a third party. The moment the said certificates submitted to the Goa University (public authority in the present appeal) such certificates become the part of records/documents held by the Goa University.**

Hence, the Commission decided to dispose the present appeal with the **direction to the Respondent No.1(PIO/Goa University)-**

**To furnish information sought by the Appellant at Point No. 1, 2 and 3 of his RTI application dated 30/09/2024 (certified copies of the certificates of Degree, Masters and PhD of Prof. Shaila D'Souza in possession of Goa University) within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order and file**

**compliance report to the Commission within 15 days from the receipt of the order.**

- 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