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**Appeal No. 248/2024/SIC**

Bruno John De Souza,  
437, Marra, Lane 1,  
Bardez-Goa 403114.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The First Appellate Authority (FAA),  
O/o. the Chief Town Planner (Planning),  
The Town and Country Planning Department (HQ),  
Dempo Towers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Patto Plaza, Panaji-Goa 403001.

2. The Public Information Officer,  
O/o. the Chief Town Planner (Planning),  
The Town and Country Planning Department (HQ),  
Dempo Towers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Patto Plaza, Panaji-Goa 403001.

.....Respondents

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 07/11/2024**

**Decided on: 09/06/2025**

**ORDER**

1. The present Second Appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 29/05/2024 by Adv. Bruno De Souza, the Appellant herein and addressed to the Public Information officer (PIO) at the Office of Chief Town Planner (Planning) of Town and Country Planning Department, Government of Goa.
2. Vide communication dated 03/06/2024, the PIO, Shri. Prakash Bandodkar transferred the said RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act to the PIO's of the 09 local officers of the said department throughout state of Goa.

3. Thereafter, on account of non-receipt of the information/intimation, the Appellant herein preferred First Appeal dated 29/08/2024 before the competent authority.
4. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) rejected the first appeal citing that the PIO at the Head Office of the said department has acted in accordance with the RTI Act.
5. Aggrieved by this order, the Appellant herein preferred this present second appeal dated 07/11/2024 and the matter came up to be heard from 06/02/2025 onwards.
6. It was the contention of the Appellant that while deciding the first appeal, the FAA did not consider the aspect that, the other PIOs to whom the said RTI application was transferred was not held answerable. Accordingly, this Commission issued notices dated 24/03/2025 to all the 09 concerned PIOs to whom the said RTI application was transferred by the PIO at the Headquarters (HQ).
7. On 06/05/2025, the 09 concerned PIOs remained present before this Commission and submitted that they had responded to the said RTI application by normal post which was contested by the Appellant herein.
8. This Commission in order to give fair opportunity to all concerned PIO, directed them to provide pointwise reply afresh to said RTI application and submit their replies to the PIO at HQ and the PIO, HQ in turn was directed to furnish the said replies and information if any to the Appellant herein on or before 02/06/2025.
9. On the present day, the PIO, Shri. Prakash Bandodkar submitted the compliance of the directions mentioned above

and the Appellant, Adv. Bruno De Souza also acknowledged receipt of the said information.

10. In light of above, the core issue pertaining to present second appeal stands resolved and as such present second appeal stands dismissed.

- No order as to cost.
- Parties to be provided authenticated copies of this order.
- 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/-

**(ATMARAM R. BARVE)**

State Information Commissioner