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Appeal No. 265/2024/SCIC

Thomas L. Sequeira,
245, Premeiro Vaddo,
Corjuem, Aldona,
Bardez-Goa 403508.

.....Appellant

V/S

1. The Public Information Officer,
The Assistant Director of Transport (North),
Directorate of Transport, Govt of Goa,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa 403507.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
The Deputy Director of Transport (N) Panaji,
Directorate of Transport,
1st Floor, Junta House,
Panaji-Goa.

.....Respondents

Shri. Aravind Kumar H. Nair State Chief Information Commissioner

RELEVANT FACTS EMERGING FROM THE APPEAL

RTI application filed on	- 11/07/2024
Respondent PIO reply	- 16/07/2024
First Appeal filed on	- 21/08/2024
First Appellate order on	- 21/08/2024
Second appeal received on	- 04/12/2024
First Hearing held on	- 26/02/2025
Decision in Second Appeal	- 26/02/2025

Information sought and background of the Appeal.

1. Shri. Thomas L. Sequeira filed an RTI application dated 11/07/2024 to the PIO (Assistant Director, Transport) seeking following information:-

i. Kindly provide certified copies of the complete records of registration of vehicle No. GA-03-R-7584 registered in the name of Devyani Kunnathur Raman.

ii. Kindly provide me certified copy of the permission granted by the Directorate of Transport, Govt. of Goa permitting owner to install tinted glass to the above referred vehicle.

2. In response to the RTI application, PIO vide letter dated 16/07/2024 replied to the Appellant as under:-

"Point No. 1 – R.C. particulars may be provided to you on payment of Rs. 200/- during the office hours on any working days.

Point No. 2- No such permissions are granted."

3. Dissatisfied with the reply of the PIO, Appellant preferred first appeal dated 21/08/2024 to the First Appellate Authority (Additional Director of Transport, North) stating that the information provided by the PIO is incomplete and the receipt for the payment of Rs. 200/- has not been issued.

4. FAA, after hearing the parties vide order dated 21/08/2024 directed the PIO to dispatch the information sought by the Appellant immediately.

5. Following FAA's order, PIO vide letter dated 09/09/2024 replied to the Appellant that as per the direction from the FAA, the process of searching and tracing the concerned file in respect of vehicle No. GA-03-R-7584 is underway and as soon as the file is traced the same would be intimated.

6. Aggrieved by the above said reply dated 09/09/2024 of the PIO, Appellant approached the Hon'ble Commission with second appeal dated 04/12/2024 praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish correct and complete information as requested vide RTI application dated 11/07/2024 and impose penalty on Respondent PIO for delay in furnishing information.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING.

7. Pursuant to the second appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 26/02/2025.
8. When the matter taken up for hearing before the SCIC today i.e. 26/02/2025, Appellant, Respondent PIO and FAA appeared in person. Appellant submitted that he had asked for certified copies of documents/ records of the registration of vehicle No. GA-03-R-7584 but the PIO furnished only a copy of the R.C. Book of the vehicle.
9. Respondent PIO submitted that the Appellant sought information on two points and Point No. 2 was properly replied and with regards to Point No. 1, Appellant sought certified copies of complete records of the registration of vehicle No. GA-03-R-7584. Since the registration related records are digitally maintained in the Vahan Portal, a copy of the R.C. particulars of the vehicle No. GA-03-R-7584 was provided to the Appellant.
10. With regards to the Registration records of the said vehicle, Respondent PIO submitted that office premises of the PIO (Assistant Director of Transport, Mapusa) was badly affected by the Tauktae Cyclone on 16/05/2021 causing damage to office files/ records/ documents, 6 computers, desktops, printers, scanners etc. and an incident report bearing No. MAP/13/2021 dated 19/06/2021 prepared and submitted by the Station Fire Officer, Fire Force Station, Mapusa alongwith a copy of report dated 18/05/2021 on damage caused by Tauktae Cyclone to the office of Assistant Director of Transport, Mapusa sent to the Director of Transport, Directorate of Transport, Panaji by Assistant Director of Transport, Mapusa were submitted before the Commission by the Respondent PIO today i.e. 26/02/2025. Respondent PIO provided a copy of the same to the Appellant also.

DECISION

With the Respondent PIO furnishing copy of the report to the Director of Transport with regards to the damage caused to the office of the PIO and office records by Cyclone Tauktae on 16/05/2021 and incident report No. MAP/13/2021 on the said cyclone by the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, North Goa District to the Appellant to substantiate the damage/destruction of the file consisting complete records of the registration of vehicle No. GA-03-R-7584, the Commission is of the opinion that the present appeal does not warrant further proceedings. Respondent PIO has already furnished proper information with respect to point No. 2 of the RTI application.

Appellant has filed a letter dated 26/02/2025 before the Commission stating that he is satisfied with the information provided by the Respondent PIO and grateful to the Hon'ble Commission for mediating and settling the matter.

Considering the above facts, Commission disposed off the present appeal today i.e. 26/02/2025.

- Proceedings stand closed.**
- Pronounced in open court.**
- Notify the parties.**

Sd/-

(Aravind Kumar H. Nair)

State Chief Information Commissioner