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**Appeal No. 72/2025/SIC**

Shri. Ratnakar Govind Desai,  
H.No. 228, Askawada,  
Sy.No. 167/04/ Mandre,  
Pedne(N) Goa 403527.

.....Appellant

V/S

1.The Secretary/ PIO,  
Village Panchayat Mandre,  
Pedne-Goa.

2. The Block Development Officer,  
The First Appellate Authority,  
Pedne-Goa.

.....Respondents

**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Filed on: 13/03/2025**

**Decided on: 12/06/2025**

**ORDER**

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 08/10/2024 made by Shri. Ratnakar G. Desai, Appellant herein and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at Village Panchayat Mandre in Pernem Taluka, wherein the Appellant herein had sought specific information pertaining to eight survey numbers mentioned in details in his application.
2. The relevant Public Information Officer (PIO), Shri. Amit Prabhu vide reply dated 08/11/2024 furnished certain information to the Appellant herein in respect to his RTI application.

3. However, citing the grounds that, the PIO has provided incomplete information, the Appellant herein preferred first appeal dated 25/11/2024 before competent First Appellate Authority (FAA).
4. The FAA vide order dated 30/12/2024 directed the PIO to furnish information pertaining to survey numbers listed out by the Appellant herein in his original RTI application within 20 days from the said order.
5. Vide communication dated 02/01/2025, the said PIO informed the Appellant herein that, information has already been furnished. The PIO also invited the Appellant herein for inspection of records, however, did not specify the date on which said inspection could take place.
6. Citing non-compliance of order of the FAA, the Appellant herein preferred second appeal before this Commission vide appeal memo dated 04/03/2025. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 30/04/2025 onwards.
7. Both the parties argued the matter and put forth their contention.
8. Upon perusal of appeal memo, reply of the PIO as well as the other materials on record, this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-
  - a) Primarily the PIO appears to have duly discharged his duties by way of providing information to the Appellant herein within stipulated time period of 30 days.
  - b) However, the said PIO failed to comply with the directions in the order passed by the FAA.

c) Merely reiterating the stand of having provided information and merely inviting Appellant for inspection without specifying proper date and time can in no manner be construed as compliance of the order of the FAA.

9. Therefore, in view of above, the present second appeal is disposed off with following order:-

a) The present second appeal is upheld.

b) The PIO, Shri. Amit Prabhu is hereby directed to provide physical inspection of all records perating to survey numbers mentioned by the Appellant in his RTI application on 10/07/2025 during working hours/ official hours.

c) The PIO is also directed to furnish certified copies of specific documents identified by the Appellant herein on same day, free of cost and is directed to record the minutes of this entire process so as to eradicate any aspect of ambiguity and inconsistency on part of PIO and information seeker.

d) Registry to issue show cause notice to the said PIO seeking clarification as to why action should not be initiated against him in terms of Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and shall ensure that the said PIO remain present alongwith reply to the show cause notice and separate compliance report to the above directions on **17/07/2025 at 11.00 am**, failing which the penalty and disciplinary proceeding shall be initiated against him.

- 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