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Appeal No. 78/2025/SIC

Mr. Joseph S. Carneiro,
H.No. 1675, Journalist Colony,
Alto-Betim, Porvorim,
Bardez-Goa 403521. .....Appellant

V/S

1.Shri. Prathamesh Shankardas,
The First Appellate Authority,
The Block Development Officer of Bardez at Mapusa,
Govt. Administrative Complex, Morod,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.

2.The Public Information Officer,
Smt. Navanya Goltekar,
Village Panchayat of Sodiem-Siolim,
Siolim, Bardez-Goa. .....Respondents

Shri. Atmaram R. Barve State Information Commissioner

Filed on: 01/04/2025
Decided on: 19/08/2025

O R D E R

1. The present second appeal arises out of the Right to Information (RTI) application dated 10/01/2025 made by the Appellant, Shri. Joseph S. Carneiro and addressed to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at Village Panchayat Sodiem-Siolim, Bardez-Goa.

2. In response to the said RTI application, the PIO, Smt. Navanya Goltekar issued pointwise reply dated 07/02/2025 received by Appellant herein on 10/01/2025.

3. Aggrieved by this reply, the Appellant herein preferred first appeal dated 21/02/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) citing the grounds of denial of information as well as on account of no decision on part of the FAA.

4. The Appellant herein preferred second appeal before this Commission by way of appeal memo dated 01/04/2025. Notices were issued and matter came up to be heard from 14/05/2025 onwards.

5. The concerned parties filed their submission and upon perusal of the same, this Commission is of considered opinion as under:-

   a. The PIO has access the RTI application interms of whether information sought is covered under definition of Information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act and in the instant matter the PIO has rightly responded to the Appellant's query accordingly.

   b. While giving pointwise reply to the RTI application, the PIO has provided necessary information and whichever information could not be given; the reasons have been provided thereof.

   c. The Appellant has to clearly establish a case of denial of information and in the instant matter, there are no substantial grounds to arrive at such point.

6. In view of above, the present second appeal is dismissed.
   - Parties to be provided authenticated copies of the 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