

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Appeal No. 211/2025/SCIC

Shri Braz Gomes,
H. No. 614/A,
Grande Pulvaddo, Benaulim,
Salcete, Goa 403716.

..... Appellant

V/s.

1)First Appellate Authority,
Superintendent of Police (South),
Margao – Goa.

2)The Public Information Officer,
Sub Divisional Police Officer,
Margao – Goa.

..... Respondents

Shri Aravind Kumar H. Nair - State Chief Information Commissioner

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	19/03/2025
PIO replied on	01/04/2025
First Appeal filed on	11/04/2025
First Appellate order on	23/05/2025
Second appeal received on	24/06/2025
First Hearing	13/10/2025
Decided on	10/11/2025

Information Sought and Background of the Appeal

- Shri Braz Gomes filed an application dated 19/03/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o. S.P, South Goa seeking certified copies of Tenant Verification Forms submitted at the Colva Police Station of the migrants, who are residing in the rented rooms of the House No. 614 (Survey No. 147/11-B) of Mrs. Lourdina Pereira e Gomes at Grande Pulvaddo, Benaulim, Salcete Goa.
- In response to the RTI application, PIO/SDPO, Margao vide letter dated 01/04/2025 replied as under :-

"As per APIO/P.I of Colva Police Station, information asked by the applicant contains personal information. Hence rejected u/s. 8(1) (j) of RTI Act, 2005".

3. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 11/04/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA) praying for necessary direction to the Respondent PIO to provide the information sought vide RTI application dated 19/03/2025.
4. F.A.A (S.P, South) after hearing the parties dismissed the first appeal on 23/05/2025 on the ground that appropriate reply was furnished to the Appellant by the Respondent PIO.
5. Subsequently, Appellant preferred Second appeal dated 24/06/2025 before the Commission stating that the impugned order of the F.A.A is bad in law, arbitrary, perverse and a classic instance of a complete misapplication of mind. Appellant prayed that the impugned order of FAA be quashed and set aside and Respondent PIO be directed to furnish information sought by the appellant.

FACTS EMERGING OUT OF APPEAL

6. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 13/10/2025 for which appellant absent but Adv. N. Braganza holding for Adv. Pancham Phadte, Appellant's lawyer appeared. None present for Respondent PIO and issued notice for the presence of Respondent PIO for the next hearing along with submissions.
7. Matter took up for hearing on 30/10/2025 for which Adv. N. Braganza holding for Adv. Pancham Phadte present for appellant. Shri Manju Vantamuri, PSI, Colva Police Station present for Respondent PIO with authority letter.

Presiding Commissioner directed the representative of Respondent PIO to ensure that the Respondent PIO present for the next date of hearing, 10/11/2025 with submission.

8. Matter called out for hearing on 10/11/2025 for which Adv. Vledson Braganza appeared for the appellant and PSI Manju Vantamuri of Colva Police Station appeared for Respondent PIO.
9. Respondent PIO's representative submitted that since the Tenant Verification Forms contains the personal information of the migrants, who submitted the Tenant Verification Forms, and their family members, same cannot be furnished Adv. Vledson Braganza argued that appellant is entitled to receive the Tenant Verification Forms.

DECISION

After hearing the arguments of the parties in the appeal and taking into account the grounds mentioned in the present appeal filed by the appellant, Commission has decided to dispose off the present appeal **with the direction to the Respondent PIO –**

- i. **To furnish certified copies of the Tenant Verification Forms of the migrants residing at House No.614 (Sy. No. 147/11-B), Grande Pulvaddo, Benaulim, Salcete Goa belonging to Mrs. Lourdina Pereira e Gomes submitted at the Colva Police Station, South Goa as on 19/03/2025, date of RTI application of the appellant.**
- ii. **The said information sought by the appellant vide RTI application dated 19/03/2025 should be furnished to the appellant within 10 days from the date of this order (10/11/2025) and compliance report should reach the Commission on or before November 27, 2025.**
 - Proceedings stands closed.
 - Pronounced in the 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