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Complaint No.15/2025/SCIC

Ms. Pooja P. Gawas,
H. No. 221, Chirekhan,
Kudnem, Sankhali-Goa.
V/s -----Complainant

Public Information Officer,
Dy. S.P, Traffic (HQ),
Traffic Police Headquarters,
Altinho, Panaji-Goa. 403001. -----Opponent

Shri. ARAVIND KUMAR H. NAIR - State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Complaint

Complaint received on	- 18-03-2025
First hearing held on	- 11-06-2025
Decided on	- 11-06-2025

Information sought and background of the Complaint

- Ms. Pooja P. Gawas filed an application dated 07/02/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO/Sub Divisional Police Officer, Bicholim, seeking information on 11 points which interalia includes :
 - List of Challans along with the amount of each penalty issued by Bicholim Police Station personnel w.e.f. 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024.
 - List of Challans as above, the amount of each penalty is compounded in cash.
 - Certified copy of Note sheet file along with entire enclosures led to the suspension of the undersigned.
 - Certified copy of letters sent to Dy. S.P Traffic Cell, (HQ), North towards the amount deposits for the year 2024.
- In response to the RTI application, PIO (Shri. Jivba G. Dalvi, SDPO, Bicholim) vide letter dated 25/02/2025 replied to the Appellant covering all 11 points in the RTI application.

3. The Complaint dated 18/03/2025 filed by the Complainant does not contain any documents to indicate the filing of first appeal in this matter by the Complainant.
4. The Complainant then preferred Complaint No.15/2025/SCIC dated before the Commission against the PIO (Dy. S.P, Traffic/HQ, Altinho, Panaji) in connection with the Complainant's RTI application dated 07/02/2025 filed to the PIO, SDPO, Bicholim Goa. The RTI application is addressed and filed to SDPO, Bicholim and not to the PIO/Dy. S.P, Traffic HQ, Altinho, Panaji.
5. Pursuant to the filing of the present Complaint, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 11/06/2025 for which Complainant and the Opponent PIO appeared in person.
6. Perusal of reply dated 25/02/2025 furnished by the PIO/SDPO, Bicholim to the Complaint revealed that query made by the RTI applicant (Complainant) at Point No.4,5 and 6 was forwarded to the PIO/Dy. S.P Traffic as well as PIO/Dy. SP, HQ, North with a request to provide information. Responding to the application received on transfer, PIO/Traffic (HQ) vide letter dated 17/03/2025 replied to the Point No.4, 5 and 6 of the RTI application dated 07/02/2025.
7. When the matter took up for hearing, Respondent PIO filed a written submission dated 11/06/2025 which gives clarification to the information sought at Point No. 4, 5 and 6. A copy of the submission is duly served to the Complainant.
8. In the present case, the Opponent PIO is not directly related to the original RTI application of the Complainant.

Commission's Observation's

Under the RTI Act, 2005, once PIO rejects an application for information or refuses to act on such application within the time limit prescribed therefore, the aggrieved information seeker has two remedies under the Act.

- a. One of these is to approach the Appellant Authority u/s 19(1).*

- b. Other is to bring it to the notice of the Commission by filing a Complaint u/s 18(1) that request for information under the Act has been refused. The refusal may arise out of inaction. It may also arise out of rejection of an application.*

In the present case, the Opponent has not rejected the application (received on transfer) or refused to act on such application.

DECISION

- i. Since the Complainant has already filed another Complaint No. 26/2025/SIC in the original RTI application dated 07/02/2025 before the Commission and since the proceedings in the said Complaint is going on before the State Information Commissioner, there is no merit in taking up a part of same RTI application in a different Complaint.**
- ii. Hence, the present Complaint No.15/2025/SCIC is disposed today i.e. 11/06/2025 as no further proceedings warranted in it.**

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.

- Proceeding stands closed.
- Pronounced in open Court.
- Notify the parties.

(ARAVINDKUMAR H. NAIR)
State Chief Information Commissioner, GSIC