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Complaint No. 19/2025/SCIC

Paul Noronha,
R/o. Flat No S-1/2nd Floor,
B Block, St. Anthony Apts, Feira-Alta,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa. -----Complainant
V/s

1.The Public Information Officer,
Dy. Collector, SDO & SDM,
Mapusa, Bardez-Goa.
2.Office of the Dy. Collector & SDO,
Mapusa, Goa,
Government Complex Building,
Morod, Mapusa-Goa. -----Opponents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Complaint

Complaint received on	15/04/2025
First hearing held on	19/06/2025
Decided on	13/10/2025

Information sought and background of the Complaint

- Shri Paul Noronha filed an application dated 08/10/2024 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, office of the Dy. Collector and SDO, Bardez Mapusa, Goa seeking the following information :
"Kindly furnish me the full and complete Roznama proceedings pertaining towards the partition case bearing Case No.19/8-A, Village Camurlim, Bardez-Goa".
- In response to the RTI application, PIO, O/o. Dy. Collector and SDO/SDM, Bardez vide letter dated 07/11/2024 replied as under :
"With reference to your application dated 08/10/2024 regarding File No.15/116/2013/Part/Land it is to inform you that the file is not traceable".

3. Being aggrieved by the reply of the PIO, Complainant filed complaint dated 15/04/2025 before the Commission stating that "*the requested file is critical to him to understand the basis on which the partition was carried out*". Complainant prayed that the Hon'ble Commission be pleased to constitute a dedicated team to determine how the file has gone missing and to identify the role and accountability of officers/staff involved in the missing of the concerned file.
4. Pursuant to the filing of the complaint, parties were notified fixing the complaint for hearing on 19/06/2025 for which Complainant present along with his lawyer Adv. Jonathan George. Opponent PIO present and agreed to file reply to the complaint on the next date of hearing scheduled on 16/07/2025.
5. Complainant present for the hearing on 16/07/2025 but Opponent PIO absent. Matter adjourned to 11/08/2025.
6. When the matter took up for hearing on 11/08/2025, Opponent PIO filed written submission stating that complying with the oral direction issued by the Hon'ble Commission to have a thorough search for the file in question, concerned dealing hand was tasked vide memo dated 23/06/2025 to conduct thorough search in the inventory to trace the File No.15/116/2013/Part/Land dated 21/10/2013 Camurlim, Bardez and the concerned dealing hand (LDC) vide letter dated 07/07/2025 replied that the file in question is not traceable in the office records. Copy of the Opponent PIO's submission is furnished to the Complainant. Matter adjourned to 12/09/2025.
7. Matter called out for hearing on 12/09/2025 for which Opponent PIO present and Complainant's lawyer Adv. Jonathan George present. Presiding Commissioner warned the Opponent PIO to take the matter seriously and conduct an effective search in the records of the office of the Dy. Collector/SDO and SDM, Bardez. Matter fixed for final argument/order on 13/10/2025.

8. When the matter took up for final argument on 13/10/2025, Complainant and Opponent PIO present. Opponent PIO submitted in writing that the file pertaining to the present matter (Complaint No.19/2025) has been traced and the Complainant may collect the copies of the file/document from the office of the Opponent PIO during working hours of the office.

DECISION

Based on the Opponent PIO's written submission dated 13/10/2025 stating that the file sought by the Complainant has been traced, **Commission decided to dispose the present complaint with the following direction -**

- i. **Opponent PIO is directed to furnish certified copy of the information sought by the Complainant pertaining to File No.15/116/2013/Part/Land Survey No.19/S-A, Village Camurlim, Bardez within 10 days of the order dated 13/10/2025, free of cost.**
 - Proceeding stands closed.
 - Pronounced in 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