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**Shri. Atmaram R. Barve**

State Information Commissioner

**Penalty No. 14/2025/SIC**

**In**

**Appeal No. 30/2024/SIC**

Mr. Devidas Gopinath Panjikar,  
R/o. Podwal, Khorjuem,  
Aldona, Bardez-Goa

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer (PIO)  
Village Panchayat of Aldona,  
Bardez-Goa, 403508

.....Respondent

**Show cause notice issued on: 07/02/2025**

**Proceeding closed on: 11/04/2025**

**ORDER**

The present penalty proceedings have arisen out of the order dated 04/02/2025 in Appeal No. 30/2024/SIC passed by this Commission.

The present Public Information Officer (PIO) of Village Panchayat Aldona, Bardez, is Shri. Pramod Naik as evident from the Memorandum dated 28/02/2025 brought on record by Shri. Prathamesh Shankardas (Block Development Officer-I & II, Bardez).

The present Public Information Officer and former PIO- Smt. Navanya Goltekar were directed to comply with the orders referred above and were issued showcause notice returnable on 03/03/2025.

Former PIO Smt. Navanya Goltekar has duly filed her reply. However, the present PIO Shri. Pramod Naik has failed to file any reply to showcause notice or any compliance report.

Moreover, the Appellant has highlighted vide his application that the said PIO has furnished him certain documents that are illegible and not readable; thereby causing prejudice to his efforts to seek information. The conduct of the PIO Shri. Pramod Naik appears to be of disregard to the RTI Act, 2005 and the authorities constituted there under.

Inspite of getting ample opportunities to comply with the directions; the Public Information Officer has grossly failed in discharging his duties and has attracted penalty of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) under section 20(1) of the Right To Information Act, 2005.

The Director-Directorate of Panchayats is hereby directed to recover the said amount from Shri. Pramod Naik and submit a compliance report to that effect on 15/05/2025 .

Registry to issue authenticated copies to the concerned parties and ensure compliance report.

Formal orders to be issued and communicated accordingly.

Matter disposed on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

Pronounced in the open court.

Proceeding stands closed.

Authenticated copies of the Order should be given to the parties free of cost.

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