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Appeal No. 101/2026/SCIC

Shri Shreyash P. Borkar,
H. No. 177, Chinchal Wada,
Margao, Goa 403601. -----Appellant

V/s

1. The Public Information Officer,
O/o. Executive Engineer Works Division IX
(PHE) Public Works Department, Fatorda,
Margao 403602.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Public Works Department,
Altinho, Panaji Goa 403001. -----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	20/12/2025
PIO replied on	-
First Appeal filed on	03/02/2026
First Appellate order on	19/02/2026
Second appeal received on	23/03/2026
First Hearing	30/04/2026
Decided on	01/06/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Shreyash P. Borkar filed an online application dated 20/12/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the O/o. Executive Engineer, Works Division IX (PHE), PWD, Fatorda, Margao seeking certified copies of records showing details including consumer name, date of installation, billing history and meter status of the water meter bearing Meter No. 1722166-11/24 KAM-G.

2. Failing to receive any reply/information to the RTI application from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 03/02/2026 online to the First Appellate Authority.
3. In response to the RTI application, PIO/ Executive Engineer, Works Division IV, Department of Drinking Water, Fatorda, Margao vide letter dated 12/02/2026 furnished information which include certified copies of all documents submitted at the time of release of water connection in respect of Meter No. 1722166-11/24 KAM-G, Billing statement and status of water meter.
4. First Appellate Authority (SSW/PWD) vide order dated 19/02/2026 disposed off the first appeal with the following judgement

" After going through the information, the Appellant submitted that he is satisfied with the information provided by the Respondent.

Since the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the Respondent PIO, this Authority disposed off the appeal".
5. Subsequently, Appellant filed second appeal dated 23/03/2026 before the Commission stating that the Respondent PIO failed to provide information within the statutory time and provided only partial information (documents) during the hearing in first appeal. Appellant besides praying for penal and disciplinary action against the Respondent PIO, prayed for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish complete file records, certified copies of all documents, ownership proof, NOC and all approvals related to the water connection mentioned in the RTI application.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

6. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, parties were notified fixing the matter for hearing on 30/04/2026 for which Appellant present but none present for Respondents. Appellant filed copy of an online application containing the checklist of documents (6) which are required to avail water connection.

7. Matter took up for further hearing on 01/06/2026 for which Appellant present and Respondent PIO was represented by Shri. Viraj Patil, Asst. Engineer, SDII, Works Division IV, PWD, Fatorda, Margao.
8. During the course of hearing, Respondent PIO's authorised representative orally submitted before the Commission that all available information has been furnished to the Appellant, who prayed before the Presiding Commissioner that Respondent PIO be kindly directed to furnish copy of documents mentioned in the checklist of documents which are required to avail water connection.

DECISION

- i. **Commission has come to the conclusion that the Respondent PIO has furnished certified copies of all the documents submitted at the time of applying for water connection bearing Meter No. 1722166-11/24 KAM-G.**

However, Presiding Commissioner directed the Respondent PIO to produce before the Commission on or before June 18, 2026 copies of documents referred in the checklist required to avail water connection, if available or submitted by the Consumer of Meter No. 1722166-11/24 KAM-G to avail the water connection.

On the other hand, if the documents mentioned in the checklist are not available or not submitted along with the application for water connection, same may be communicated to the Appellant in writing by filing before the Commission.

- ii. **Appellant shall collect the information from the Registry of the Commission after the submission of the same by the Respondent PIO by June 18, 2026.**

- Matter disposed.
- 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