

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Appeal No. 11/2026/SCIC

Shri. Pranav V. Sanvordekar,
R/o. H.No.474/A, "Muktayee",
Bagwada, Sanvordem-Goa 403706.

-----Appellant

V/s

1. The Block Development Officer-I, Salcete,
First Appellate Authority,
Room No.223, Second Floor,
MathanySaldanha Administrative Complex,
Margao-Goa.

2. The Public Information Officer/Secretary,
Village Panchayat of Raia,
Raia, Salcete Goa.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	24/09/2025
PIO replied on	-
First Appeal filed on	03/11/2025
First Appellate order on	04/12/2025
Second appeal received on	09/01/2026
Decided on	09/06/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Pranav V. Sanvordekar filed an application dated 24/09/2025 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Village Panchayat Raia, South Goa seeking information at 07 points.
2. Failing to receive any reply/information to his RTI application from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 03/11/2025 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

3. First Appellate Authority (B.D.O.-I, Margao) vide order dated 04/12/2025 directed the Respondent PIO to provide requested information to the Appellant free of cost within 10 days.
4. Being aggrieved by the non-compliance of the First Appellate Authority's order by the Respondent PIO, Appellant preferred second appeal dated 09/01/2026 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondents to furnish complete information as sought vide application dated 24/09/2025, free of cost, penal and disciplinary proceedings against the Respondent No. 02 (PIO, Village Panchayat Raia).

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 16/02/2026 for which Appellant present but none present for Respondents. Issued notice to the Respondent PIO to collect appeal memo and be present for the next hearing with submission to the appeal memo.
6. Matter took up again on 02/03/2026 for which Appellant present but Respondent remained absent. Issued notice to the present PIO for physical presence on the next date of hearing failing which Commission is bound to initiate penal and disciplinary action against the Respondent PIO u/s 20(1) and (2) of the RTI Act, 2005. Matter posted to 16/04/2026.
7. None present for Appellant and Respondent for the hearings fixed on 16/04/2026 and 05/05/2026. Issued notice for the presence of the previous and present PIOs for their physical presence for the hearing fixed on 09/06/2026.
8. When the matter called out for hearing on 09/06/2026, Appellant Shri Pranav Sanvordekar, then PIO (Shri. Amrit Sakhalkar) and present PIO (Smt. Sunita Desai) present.

- 9.** Present PIO vide letter dated 06/06/2026 produced revised reply/information to the RTI application with an additional copy to the Appellant.
- 10.** Upon perusal of the information furnished by the Respondent PIO, Presiding Commissioner and the Appellant found some shortcomings in the information furnished to RTI query No. 5, 6 and 7 of the application.

DECISION

Commission decided to dispose off the present appeal with the following directions to the present PIO (Respondent No. 02) :

- i.** Since Appellant sought site inspection report at Point No. 5, furnish certified copy of the site inspection report to the Appellant. On the other hand, if no site inspection was conducted, give specific reply to that effect.
- ii.** With regard to the information sought at Point No. 6, since the Appellant is in possession of some related documents, check the Panchayat records and furnish sought information to the Appellant.
- iii.** In respect of information sought at Point No. 7, furnish information/details/documents about the land acquisition proposal if any such proposal is actually made. On the contrary, if no land acquisition proposal is made, reply the Appellant to that effect.

Information to the above cited three points (05-07) should be furnished within 07 days from the receipt of this order.

- 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