

GOA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Appeal No.157/2026/SCIC

Shri. Aleixo F. Da Costa,
H. No. 236/B,
Behind St. Joseph Convent,
Pirni-Nagoa, Salcete Goa.
V/s

-----Appellant

1.Smt. Rashmy Bhomkar,
The Public Information Officer,
Section Officer (Personnel-IV),
Government of Goa,
Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.

2. Shri Eshant V. Sawant,
The First Appellate Authority,
Personnel Department,
Government of Goa,
Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.

-----Respondents

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	28/01/2026
PIO replied on	24/02/2026
First Appeal filed on	27/02/2026
First Appellate order on	27/03/2026
Second appeal received on	16/03/2026
First Hearing	01/06/2026
Decided on	29/06/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

- Shri. Aleixo F. Da Costa filed an application dated 28/01/2026 under RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, Personnel Department, Secretariat, Goa seeking *"Certified copies of all Note sheets and correspondence of the file in which my representation for selection in IAS has been considered and passed by the Personnel Department"*.

2. In response to the RTI application, PIO (Section Officer/ Personnel –IV), Department of Personnel, Government of Goa replied on 24/02/2026 that *"File in which your representation has been processed is under submission to the Government"*.
3. Being aggrieved by the reply received from the PIO, Appellant filed first appeal dated 27/02/2026 before the First Appellate Authority (Joint Secretary/Personnel) requesting to furnish sought information free of cost and action against the PIO for violation of the RTI Act, 2005.
4. First Appellate Authority (Joint Secretary/Personnel) Department of Personnel vide order dated 27/03/2026 disposed off the first appeal on the ground that *"Respondent PIO has filed compliance report that requested information has now been provided to the Appellant, free of cost. Hence no further intervention is required on behalf of the FAA in this matter"*.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

5. Pursuant to the filing of the present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 01/06/2026 for which Appellant and Respondent PIO present.

Respondent PIO filed written submission dated 29/05/2026 with a copy to the appellant stating that sought information could not be furnished initially as the file in question was under submission to the government after due process by the Personnel Department and the same was informed to the Appellant vide letter dated 24/02/2026.

However, on receipt of the concerned file, sought information including movement of the file has been furnished free of cost, to the Appellant vide letter dated 25/03/2026 and while acknowledging the receipt of the information, Appellant did not mention that he is not satisfied with the furnished information.

6. Appellant while agreeing the receipt of note sheets numbers 59 to 69 and 78 to 81 besides copies of Page Nos. 361 to 380 with regards to correspondence orally submitted that Respondent PIO has not furnished complete information as per RTI request. Countering this submission, Respondent PIO orally submitted that since the Appellant sought copies of note sheets and correspondence of the file pertaining to the Appellant's representation, concerned pages of note sheets and correspondence in respect of the Appellant's representation have been duly furnished as rest of the pages of the note sheets and correspondence were not related to the Appellant. Matter fixed for further hearing on 29/06/2026.
7. When matter called out for further hearing on 29/06/2026, Respondent PIO present but Appellant absent. Even though the hearing was scheduled at 11.00 a.m, Presiding Commissioner and the Respondent PIO waited for the Appellant till 12.00 noon.

DECISION

Upon perusal of the Appellant's grounds as well as prayer in the second appeal, written submission of the Respondent PIO and oral arguments made before the Presiding Commissioner by the Appellant and Respondent PIO on 01/06/2026, Commission decided to dispose the matter with the following directions to the Respondent PIO :

- i. Allow the Appellant to conduct physical inspection of the concerned file related to his representation for selection in IAS at the Office of the Respondent PIO within 15 days from the receipt of this order. Convey the date of inspection to the Appellant accordingly.*
- ii. Upon the said inspection, furnish, free of cost, copies of those particular pages of note sheets and correspondence pertaining to the Appellant (and not of any third party/parties) identified by the Appellant during the course of inspection and requested in writing.*

- iii. Such identified and sought information (pages, note sheets & correspondence) should be furnished to the Appellant within 10 days from the date of receipt of his request in writing.***
 - iv. File compliance report within 21 days from the receipt of this order.***
 - v. Commission could not found any valid grounds to impose penalty or recommending disciplinary action against the Respondent PIO in the present appeal.***
- 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