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Appeal No.49/2026/SCIC

Appeal No. 177/2026/SCIC

Shri. Manohar Arjun Gadkari,
H. No. 134/1,
Kavate, Borimoll,
Quepem Goa 403705. -----Appellant

V/s

The Public Information Officer,
Quepem Municipal Council,
Quepem, Goa 403705. -----Respondent

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

Relevant Facts Emerging from the Appeal

RTI application filed on	09/09/2025
PIO replied on	08/10/2025
First Appeal filed on	10/11/2025
First Appellate order on	12/01/2026
Second appeal received on	09/02/2026
First Hearing	21/04/2026
Decided on	17/06/2026

Information sought and Background of the Appeal

1. Shri. Manohar Arjun Gadkari filed an RTI application dated 09/09/2025 to the PIO, Quepem Municipal Council, Goa seeking information at 15 points with regards to various subject matters.
2. In response to the RTI application, PIO (Chief Officer), Quepem Municipal Council vide letter dated 08/10/2025 requested the Appellant to pay Rs. 2604/- as fees for information sought vide application dated 09/09/2025 and collect the information during office hours.

3. Failing to receive sought information even after paying the necessary fee, Appellant filed first appeal dated 10/11/2025 before the First Appellate Authority praying for direction to the PIO to furnish the information at the earliest.
4. Public Information Officer vide letter dated 21/11/2025 furnished information covering all 15 RTI queries supported by enclosures to few queries like query No. 01, 12, 13, 14 and 15.
5. First Appellate Authority, (Additional Director) Urban Development vide order dated 12/01/2026 directed the Respondent PIO to provide -
i. Certified copies to Point No. 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08 and 09 within 10 days from the receipt of the order.
6. Subsequently, Appellant filed second appeal dated 09/02/2026 before the Commission praying for direction to the Respondent PIO to furnish complete information in compliance with the First Appellate Authority's order dated 12/01/2026.

FACTS EMERGING IN COURSE OF HEARING

7. Pursuant to the filing of present appeal, matter took up for hearing on 21/04/2026 for which Appellant present but none present for Respondent PIO, even though notice for hearing was sent by speed post. Issued fresh notice to the Respondent PIO for personal appearance before the Presiding Commissioner with submission.
8. Matter called out for hearing on 07/05/2026 for which Appellant and present PIO (Chief Officer, Quepem Municipal Council) present. Respondent PIO filed revised reply/information to the RTI application supported by enclosures. Appellant acknowledged the information. Partial arguments were placed before the Presiding Commissioner, who directed the present PIO to provide inspection of the concerned file with regards to the information sought at Point No. 02. Accordingly,

PIO agreed to facilitate physical inspection of files by the Appellant on May 11, 2026.

9. Matter posted to 15/05/2026 but rescheduled to 17/06/2026 as the Presiding Commissioner had to attend some official function on 15/05/2026.
10. Matter took up for final hearing on 17/06/2026 for which Appellant and present PIO Shri. Bhagwant A. Karmali present. PIO filed written submission dated 15/06/2026 stating that complying with the oral direction of the Presiding Commissioner dated 07/05/2026, Appellant was allowed to physically inspect the relevant records and as sought by the Appellant, after the inspection of records on 11/05/2026 copy of the entire file containing 212 pages is produced before the Presiding Commissioner and the same was received by the Appellant.
11. Upon perusal of the 212 pages information received before the Presiding Commissioner, Appellant orally submitted that few pages are missing in the given copy of file.

DECISION

- i. **Considering the above submission of the Appellant with regard to the missing of few pages, Respondent PIO is directed to confirm about the availability of the said missing pages of the file in question. If the said missing pages are traced, furnish certified copies of the said pages and if said pages are not traced or found communicate the same fact to the Appellant in writing.**
- ii. **Above direction shall be executed within 10 days from the receipt of this order and file compliance report to the Commission within 15 days from the receipt of this order.**

iii. Since the Appeal No. 49/2026/SCIC and Appeal No. 177/2026/SCIC filed by the Appellant with PIO, Quepem Municipal Council, Quepem, Goa as the Respondent are the fall out of the same 15-point RTI application dated 09/09/2025, Commission decided not to conduct separate hearing in Appeal No. 177/2026/SCIC and decided to dispose the Appeal No. 177/2026/SCIC without any intervention by the Commission. Appeal No. 177/2026/SCIC is nothing but repetition of Appellant's Appeal No. 49/2026/SCIC having same RTI application dated 09/09/2025.

- Matters 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